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SENATE
P.S. Resolution No. 178

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Introduced by **Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid**

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JOHN MARK TOKONG FOR
WINNING A GOLD MEDAL AND ROGER CASUGAY FOR WINNING A
BRONZE MEDAL IN THE PHUKET BEACH FESTIVAL 2022 HELD LAST
AUGUST 25-28, 2022 IN PHUKET, THAILAND

WHEREAS, Art. XIV, Section 19 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry;"

WHEREAS, it is in recognition of this policy that we recognize significant achievements in the field of sports to encourage and incentivize excellence among our athletes;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on numerous occasions, recognized and give commendation to outstanding Filipino athletes for bringing pride and honor to the country by winning in international sports events;

WHEREAS, Phuket Beach Festival 2022's International Surfing Competition took place from August 25-28,2022 at Kata Beach in Phuket, Thailand;

WHEREAS, Phuket Beach Festival 2022's International Surfing Competition was organized by Thailand Surfing Federation and the Southeast Asia Surfing Association (SEASA) and sanctioned by the Asian Surf Cooperative;

WHEREAS, the international surfing competition was participated by over a hundred of the finest surfers from 12 countries in the Asia Pacific region namely host Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Myanmar, South Korea, Japan, Australia, Russia, Brazil, and Israel;

WHEREAS, John Mark Tokong, a 2019 Southeast Asian Games gold medalist, put up a great performance posting the highest combined score of

15.30 points or 1.9 points ahead of Indonesian bet Nyoman Satria Mukti in the finals of the men's short board competition;

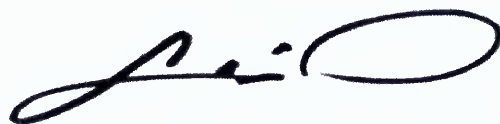
WHEREAS, Roger Casugay, also a 2019 Southeast Asian Games gold medalist and Pierre de Coubertin Act of Fair Play Awardee, bagged a bronze medal after tallying 17.30 points in the semis of the men's longboard competition;

WHEREAS, with the surfing events now just returning with the COVID-19 pandemic easing down, there is need to encourage the pursuit of excellence in surfing as an emerging sport for Filipino athletes;

WHEREAS, the exemplary performance of John Mark Tokong and Roger Casugay to the international sporting event deserves the praise, recognition and commendation for bringing pride and inspiration to the Filipino people and for showing to the world the unrelenting spirit of Filipino sports excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to express its congratulations and commendations to John Mark Tokong for winning a gold medal and Roger Casugay for winning a bronze medal in the 2022 Phuket Beach Festival held last August 25-28, 2022 in Phuket, Thailand.

Adopted,



MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator

