

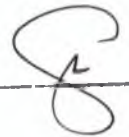
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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO AMERICAN FASHION**  
**DESIGNER AND BEAUTY QUEEN R'BONNEY NOLA GABRIEL FOR BEING**  
**CROWNED AS THE 71ST MISS UNIVERSE**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, given recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their exceptional feats of bringing honor, pride and glory to the country by garnering prestigious awards;

**WHEREAS**, Miss Universe Organization (MUO) is a global, inclusive organization that celebrates all cultures, backgrounds and religions that endeavors to create and provide a safe space for women to share their stories and drive impact. MUO provides women who participate in this international platform with the tools to affect positive change personally, professionally, and philanthropically serving as inspirational leaders and role models to their communities and fans around the world;

**WHEREAS**, R'Bonney Nola Gabriel has bested 82 candidates to win the 71st Miss Universe pageant held in New Orleans, Louisiana, United States on January 14, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, R'Bonney is the first Miss USA of Filipino descent to win the Miss USA pageant held in Nevada in October 2022, paving her way to be the ninth Miss Universe from the USA since the pageant started in 1952;

**WHEREAS**, R'Bonney, a 28-year-old beauty queen, made history as the first Filipino-American candidate to win the Miss Universe title;

**WHEREAS**, R'Bonney is the youngest of her siblings and is the only daughter in a Filipino- American lineage. Her father, Dr. Remigio Bonzon "R. Bon" Gabriel, was

born in the Philippines and hails from Manila. He immigrated to Washington at 25 years old. Her mom, Dana Walker, is from Beaumont, Texas;

**WHEREAS**, R'Bonney may have represented the American flag during the said pageant, but she has been vocal and proud of her Filipino ancestry. Calling herself a "*very proud Filipina Texan!*";

**WHEREAS**, R'Bonney showcased her Filipino heritage as shown in her collaboration with Filipino designers in her national costume with Patrick Isorena, and her preliminary and finals night gowns with Rian Fernandez;

**WHEREAS**, R'Bonney has been to the Philippines on several occasions. She has proudly shared "I grew up on chicken *adobo, ensaymadas, sinigang*. Luckily I was able to visit the Philippines growing up numerous times. I spent a lot of time in Manila. I've been to El Nido. I want to explore more. It's so beautiful there.";

**WHEREAS**, R'Bonney is a graduate of the University of North Texas with a bachelor's degree in fashion design. She is currently CEO of her own sustainable clothing line, R'Bonney Nola;

**WHEREAS**, R'Bonney first tried joining a beauty contest in 2020 at the Miss Kemah USA 2020, where she placed among the Top 5 finalists. She later joined her hometown's contest, Miss Texas USA in 2021 as Miss Harry County where she placed 1st runner-up. This did not hinder her to join the following year, and finally won the Miss Texas USA 2022 crown;

**WHEREAS**, her win in the Ms Universe is also a great honor for the entire Filipino nation; hence, worthy of commendation for serving as an inspiration to beauty and intelligence that is truly and confidently Filipina. Her crown is a reminder of the importance of investing in our community by using our unique talent to make a difference to the lives of others;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Filipino American Fashion Designer and Beauty Queen R'Bonney Nola Gabriel for being crowned as the 71st Miss Universe.

*Adopted,*

  
**RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**