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Introduced by **SENATOR CYNTHIA A. VILLAR**

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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA FOR BAGGING THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS OF THE LARGEST GONG ENSEMBLE AND THE LARGEST *BANGA* DANCE THROUGH THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS CONSTITUENTS DUBBED AS "*AWONG CHI GANGSA, AGTU'N CHI BANGA*" OR "THE CALL OF A THOUSAND GONGS, DANCE OF A THOUSAND POTS" DONE DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE 28TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA ON 15 FEBRUARY 2023**

**WHEREAS**, Article XIV Section 14 of the 1987 Constitution states that "The State shall foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression;"

**WHEREAS**, Article XIV Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution states also that "The State shall recognize, respect, and protect the rights of indigenous cultural communities to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions, and institutions";

**WHEREAS**, the Guinness World Records, originally known as the Guinness Book of Records, is the ultimate authority on record-breaking achievements, which serves as a reference book that is published annually and contains a listing of world records, both of human achievements and the extremes of the natural world<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, on 15 February 2023, during the celebration of the 28th Founding Anniversary of the Province of Kalinga, the said province achieved a historic feat when it bagged Guinness World Records of the largest gong ensemble and the largest

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/about-us/our-story>

*banga* (or pot) dance for the "*Awong Chi Gangsa, Agtu'n Chi Banga*" or "The Call of a Thousand Gongs, Dance of a Thousand Pots" performance of its constituents, comprising 3,440 Kalinga male gong beaters and 4,681 Kalinga female *banga* dancers;

**WHEREAS**, creating melodies and ushering performances under the beat or sound of various gong or "*gangsa*" (described as a hand-held smooth-surfaced circular piece of metal that is usually beaten with a padded stick) have always served as a significant part of the Cordillera people's culture that has been passed on from one generation to another<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the *banga* dance illustrates the graceful moves of the tribes of the fierce warriors and entails the maiden dancers of using *banga* or heavy earthen pots, as many as seven or eight at a time, by balancing them on their heads as they trudge to the beat of the "*gangsa*", which move displays their stamina and strength as they go about their daily task of fetching water and balancing the *banga*;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the "*Awong Chi Gangsa, Agtu'n Chi Banga*" or "The Call of a Thousand Gongs, Dance of a Thousand Pots" is a symbolic show of peace among the different tribes of Kalinga;

**WHEREAS**, the performances of the people of Kalinga of the "*Awong Chi Gangsa, Agtu'n Chi Banga*" or "The Call of a Thousand Gongs, Dance of a Thousand Pots" were executed with a high level of synchronization, precision, proficiency, and were completed within the designated five minute time limit<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, upon the culmination of the "*Awong Chi Gangsa, Agtu'n Chi Banga*" performance by the people of Kalinga, the Guinness World Records Official Adjudicator Mr. Kazuyoshi Kirimura immediately made the announcement that the Province of Kalinga bagged two Guinness World Records for the largest gong ensemble and the largest *banga* dance performances;<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, it was reported that there were no previous record holders for the two titles; and thus, this is a unique historic record for the Province of Kalinga and for the Philippines as a whole;<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> <https://car.neda.gov.ph/a-symbol-of-unity-in-diversity-the-story-of-the-cordillera-unity-gong/>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.seasite.niu.edu/tagalog/cynthia/philippine\\_dances\\_cordillera.htm](http://www.seasite.niu.edu/tagalog/cynthia/philippine_dances_cordillera.htm)

<sup>4</sup> *ibid*

<sup>5</sup> *ibid*

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.manilatimes.net/2023/02/17/news/national/kalinga-sets-2-guinness-world-records/1879058>

**WHEREAS**, the observance of the Filipino traditions and festivities is instrumental in preserving our cultural heritage and in strengthening our national identity as Filipinos;

**WHEREAS**, the exceptional performance displayed by the participants of the "Awong Chi Gangsa, Agtu'n Chi Banga" has shown the global talent, culture, discipline, and determination of the Filipinos;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to congratulate and commend the Province of Kalinga for bagging the Guinness World Records of the Largest Gong Ensemble and the Largest *Banga* Dance through the performance of its constituents dubbed as "*Awong Chi Gangsa, Agtu'n Chi Banga*" or "The Call of a Thousand Gongs, Dance of a Thousand Pots" during the celebration of the 28th Founding Anniversary of the Province of Kalinga on 15 February 2023, and for bringing pride and honor to the country.

*Adopted,*

  
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