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RESOLUTION No. 191

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING
THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA FOR BAGGING THE
GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS FOR THE LARGEST
GONG ENSEMBLE AND THE LARGEST *BANGA*
DANCE THROUGH THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS
CONSTITUENTS DUBBED AS "*AWONG CHI*
GANGSA, AGTU'N CHI BANG" 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

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has consistently
recognized outstanding Filipinos who bring honor and
glory to the nation through their remarkable feats and
prestigious awards;

WHEREAS, Article XIV Section 14 of the 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 Constitution also states that “The State shall recognize, respect, and protect the rights of indigenous cultural communities to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions, and institutions”;

WHEREAS, on 15 February 2023, during the celebration of the 28th Founding Anniversary of the Province of Kalinga, the province bagged the Guinness World Record for the largest gong ensemble and the largest *banga* (pot) dance for the “*Awong Chi Gangsa, Agtu’n Chi Banga*” or “The Call of a Thousand Gongs, Dance of a Thousand Pots”. The performance comprised 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*”, 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;

WHEREAS, the *banga* dance dramatized through graceful moves. The interaction between fierce warriors and local maidens balancing *banga* or heavy earthen pots on their heads to the beat of the “*gangsa*”. The dance illustrates their daily tasks such as fetching water with the *banga*;

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, after the performance, Guinness World Records Official Adjudicator Mr. Kazuyoshi Kirimura immediately announced that the Province of Kalinga bagged two Guinness World Records for the largest gong ensemble and the largest *banga* dance performances;

WHEREAS, these are the first World Records of their kinds, a unique historic record for the Province of Kalinga and for the Philippines as a whole;

WHEREAS, the observance of the Filipino traditions and festivities is instrumental in preserving our cultural heritage and in strengthening our national identity as Filipinos: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate and commend the Province of Kalinga for bagging the Guinness World Records for 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.


Adopted,



FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 18, 2024.



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Secretary of the Senate