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**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO
ACTIVIST ILLAC ANGELO DIAZ FOR BEING THE ONLY FILIPINO TO
MAKE IT IN CNNGO'S 'THE HOT LIST: 135 PEOPLE TO WATCH',
RANKING NUMBER 10, FOR HIS RELENTLESS CAMPAIGN ON
CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND HIS PROJECT
'DESIGNER VILLAGE CHALLENGE'**

WHEREAS, Illac Angelo Diaz is the only Filipino to make it to CNNGo.com's "The Hot List: 135 People to Watch". Ranking Number 10, CNNGO cited him as "Model, Harvard and MIT graduate, and social entrepreneur" who has launched the largest mass media campaign on climate change in the Philippines and founded several organizations benefitting the poor, one of which is the "Designer Village Challenge" in response to Typhoon Ketsana;

WHEREAS, CNNGo.com is a multi-city guide site, which is a division of CNN International and covers happenings in Bangkok, Hongkong, Mumbai, Shanghai, Singapore and Tokyo;

WHEREAS, 'The Hot List: 135 People To Watch' is a recognition for individuals who are unique, fascinating and most important of all, a contributor to our vibrant emerging world;

WHEREAS, Illac Angelo Diaz has been internationally recognized, being named "Young Global Leader of 2008" by the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Geneva together with actor Leonardo DiCaprio, CNN news anchor Anderson Cooper, tennis superstar Steffi Graf, King of Bhutan Jigme Wangchuk, and 240 other public figures, executives and intellectuals 40 years old or younger who "initiate, develop and drive innovative solutions to globally-oriented issues";

WHEREAS, Illac Angelo Diaz established 'Pier One' in Intramuros, one of the first migrant housing center in Manila which provides an affordable, clean and safe transient housing and job assistance to more than 200,000 maritime workers. For this he became the youngest Asian Institute of Management (AIM) alumnus to receive an Honors & Prestige award in 2003; an "Everyday Hero Special Award" from Readers Digest Asia; an Entrepreneur Award from the 1st Johnny Walker Social Awards; a runner-up award in New York's Next Big Idea International Design Competition and a Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Award for Social Entrepreneurship in 2005;

WHEREAS, Illac Angelo Diaz is also the Executive Director of MyShelter Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization that has pioneered earthen construction in building more affordable schools and clinics in rural Philippines;

WHEREAS, Designer Village Challenge, launched last June 16 at the United Nations Plaza in New York, is an international design competition aimed at finding solutions to building designs which will be both disaster-resilient and affordable. With the support of Camarines Sur Governor LRay Villafuerte, Gawad Kalinga, the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), and MyShelter Foundation, the competition aims to find winning designs which will be the blueprint and master plan of thirty five (35) houses to be built in Camarines Sur, one of the areas most damaged by typhoons;

WHEREAS, these outstanding accomplishments by our fellow Filipino deserve to be commended for the honor and recognition he brings to our country;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to congratulate and commend Filipino activist Illac Angelo Diaz for being the only Filipino to make it in CNNGo's '*The Hot List: 135 People to Watch*', ranking number 10, for his relentless campaign on climate change in the Philippines and his project 'Designer Village Challenge'.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI