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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING KENNETH COBONPUE FOR BECOMING THE FIRST MAISON
ET OBJET ASIAN DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Maison Et Objet is a prestigious French trade fair for interior and product design held twice a year to showcase and celebrate innovation and talent;

WHEREAS, Filipino designer Kenneth Cobonpue has been chosen as the first Maison Et Objet Asian Designer of the Year for 2014;

WHEREAS, Kenneth Cobonpue is acclaimed for integrating locally sourced organic materials with innovative hand-made production techniques;

WHEREAS, in 1987, Kenneth Cobonpue earned his degree in Industrial Design at Pratt Institute in New York and trained as an apprentice for a leather and wood workshop near Florence Italy. In 1994, he studied Furniture Marketing and Production at the Export Akademie Baden-Württemberg in Reutlingen, Germany on a private and state scholarship program

WHEREAS, Kenneth Cobonpue's has received various local and international awards which include:

- 12 Mugna and 4 Katha Awards for design excellence at the annual Philippine International Furniture Exhibition
- 5 Japan Good Design Awards
- 2005 Design for Asia Award of Hong Kong
- 1st prize, 2004 Singapore International Design Competition
- 2003 Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines for his achievement in the field of Arts & Design
- 2002 Golden Shell Award

WHEREAS, Kenneth Cobonpue's distinct craftsmanship and artistry has made the world aware of the unique talents of Filipinos and the diverse native materials that the Philippines has to offer;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to commend Kenneth Cobonpue for becoming the first Maison Et Objet Asian Designer of the Year.

Adopted,


MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
Senator