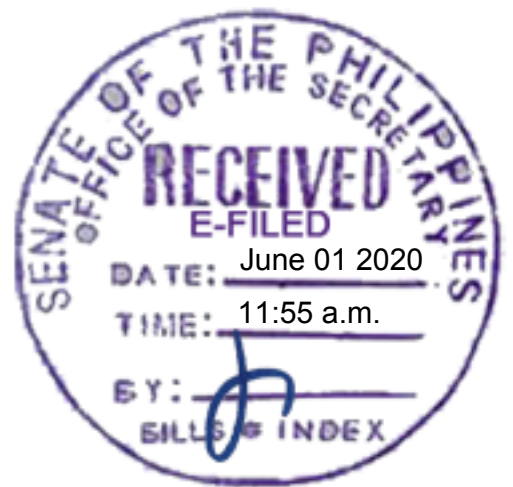


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**Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri**

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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JESSON C. PEÑAFLOR OF KALILANGAN, BUKIDNON FOR BEING COMMISSIONED TO THE RANK OF SECOND LIEUTENANT AFTER FINISHING A 4-YEAR COURSE FROM THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT IN NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**WHEREAS**, on 23 May 2020, Jesson C. Peñaflor was commissioned to the rank of Second Lieutenant (2LT) after finishing his Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from the respected and renowned United States Military Academy at West Point in New York, U.S.A.

**WHEREAS**, considered as one of the oldest service academies in the world, the United States Military Academy, popularly known as West Point, is a higher education institution for the training of commissioned officers for the United States Army;

**WHEREAS**, 2LT Peñaflor was born to Jeralyn and Jose Peñaflor Jr. on 7 March 1996 in Kalilangan, Bukidnon; he had his elementary education at Kalilangan Central Elementary School and went to three different schools thereafter for high school: Northern Mindanao State Institute of Science and Technology (1<sup>st</sup> year), Kalilangan Pioneering Institute (2<sup>nd</sup> year), and Kalilangan National High School (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year);

**WHEREAS**, the 24-year old native of Kalilangan attended Mindanao State University-Marawi City for three years before being admitted as a cadet of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA), where he was a member of the PMA Mabalasik Class of 2019 and the Hawk Company;

**WHEREAS**, 2LT Peñaflor is one of 30 PMA cadets who applied for the Foreign Service Academy, where he received appointment from both the Australian Defense Force Academy and the United States Military Academy;

**WHEREAS**, 2LT Peñaflor is the only Filipino citizen in this year's graduating class and the second Mindanaoan to graduate from West Point, the first being Christy Isis Achanzar of Davao who graduated in 2008;

**WHEREAS**, having been commissioned second lieutenant and with graduation rites scheduled on 12 June 2020, 2LT Peñaflor will join the ranks of noted Filipinos who graduated from the esteemed military academy, namely, Vicente Podico Lim, the first Filipino graduate of West Point, former President Fidel V. Ramos, Brigadier General Danilo Lim, and former Defense Secretary Gen. Rafael Ileta;

**WHEREAS**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Peñafior is testament to the fruits of hard work, discipline, and a genuine commitment to service, and his story will serve to inspire the aspiring servicemen and women of our nation to aim ever higher and work ever harder;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Jesson C. Peñafior of Kalilangan, Bukidnon for being commissoined to the rank of second lieutenant after finishing a 4-year course from the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York, United States of America.

**Adopted,**



**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**