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Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE FIRST PHILIPPINE MOUNT EVEREST EXPEDITION AND
OTHER FILIPINO CLIMBERS FOR THEIR UNPARALLELED COURAGE AND UNWAVERING
DETERMINATION TO BE THE FIRST FILIPINOS TO SCALE MOUNT EVEREST

WHEREAS, Mount Everest is the world's tallest mountain, with a height of 8,848 meters above sea level, standing on the border between the Kingdom of Nepal and the People's Republic of China;

WHEREAS, as the world's tallest mountain, at an altitude that makes it nearly impossible to breathe, buffeted by winds, plagued by fickle weather, and covered in snow and ice, it represents the greatest challenge and the pinnacle of any mountaineer's career, having claimed the lives of numerous other climbers from around the world;

WHEREAS, the First Philippine Mount Everest Expedition, led by Heracleo Oracion and composed of Arturo T. Valdez, Ari Ben C. Sebastian, Fred B. Jamili, Regie Pablo, Florentino Jong Narciso, Erwin Emata, Karina Davondon, Juan Añonuevo, Levi Nahayangan, Larry Honoridez, Janet Belarmino, Ariel Ambayec, Noelle Wenceslao, Dr. Ted Esguerra, John Tronco, Choi Aquino, and other Filipino climbers, Romeo Garduce, Jon Villareal, Dale Abenojar, all of various professions and occupations, but committed to mountaineering and adventure racing, spent years preparing and conditioning themselves for the challenges of scaling Mount Everest;

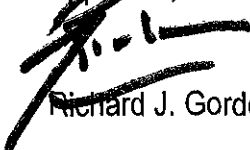
WHEREAS, despite the dangers of the climb and a very high risk of death, they sought to climb Mount Everest to prove the strength and determination of the Filipino;

WHEREAS, unwavering in their commitment, they risked their lives in scaling the heights of the world's highest mountain, symbolizing that we as a people can indeed overcome the greatest of challenges, and stand proud among the members of the global community;

WHEREAS, through sheer perseverance and hard work, Heracleo Oracion, with the full support of the First Philippine Mount Everest Expedition, set the Philippine flag at the apex of the mountain, proving that with focus, hard work, and fortitude, Filipinos can make a difference in the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to commend the First Philippine Mount Everest Expedition, led by Heracleo Oracion, and composed of Arturo T. Valdez, Ari Ben C. Sebastian, Fred B. Jamili, Regie Pablo, Florentino Jong Narciso, Erwin Emata, Karina Davondon, Juan Añonuevo, Levi Nahayangan, Larry Honoridez, Janet Belarmino, Ariel Ambayec, Noelle Wenceslao, Dr. Ted Esguerra, John Tronco, Choi Aquino, and other Filipino climbers, Romeo Garduce, Jon Villareal, Dale Abenojar, for their contribution in the history of our country and to the pride of the Filipino people.

Approved,



Richard J. Gordon