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**RESOLUTION**  
**COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND CAMARINES SUR**  
**ROWING TEAMS FOR AN OVERALL GOLD-SILVER FINISH**  
**FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE SAVA SPRING INTERNATIONAL**  
**2006 DRAGON BOAT RACES AT THE BEDOK RESERVOIR IN SINGAPORE**

**WHEREAS**, dragon boat racing is becoming an internationally popular sport where it is being practiced in China by around 20 million people tracing back its history to more than 2000 years ago along the banks of life-sustaining rivers in Southern China such as the Yangtze River;

**WHEREAS**, over the past 25 years, dragon boat racing has spread beyond Asia to Europe, North America, Australia and Africa to become an international sport with a huge following;

**WHEREAS**, dragon boat racing is among the fastest growing water sports and amazingly remains the largest team sport right now, with over 60 million participants in over 50 countries;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines has exceptionally gained international prominence and distinction in this field of water sport in an intercontinental competition;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine National Police Rowing Team bagged the Overall Championship Award while the Camarines Sur Rowing Team came up as First Runner-Up in the just concluded SAVA Spring International 2006 Dragon Boat Races at the Bedok Reservoir in Singapore;

**WHEREAS**, the 29-man PNP Rowing Team led by Police Superintendent Dennis Agustin and Police Chief Inspector Gonzalo Villamor, which was composed of 19 male and 10 female members with PO3 Romeo Cañete as head coach and signalman and PO2 Macario Sumallileng as assistant coach and steersman, rallied past its competitors for a strong finish grabbing the championship crown in the two-day event against 20 other international teams from different countries held on September 23-24, 2006;

**WHEREAS**, the PNP Rowing Team garnered three gold medals in the 200 and 500 meters mixed international open event, and in the 500 meters freestyle international open event and also won two bronze medals in the 500 meters men's international open and the 1,000 meters Super Cup Men's final while the Camarines Sur Rowing Team pocketed a total of three gold medals;

**WHEREAS**, these two Philippine rowing teams made the Filipino nation proud and this achievement of sports excellence is highly commendable;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to commend the PNP Rowing Team and the Camarines Sur Rowing Team for bringing pride to the Filipino people in their overall gold-silver finish for the Philippines in the SAVA Spring International 2006 Dragon Boat Races at the Bedok Reservoir in Singapore.

Adopted,

  
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Senator