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House Resolution No. **122**

Introduced by **HON. JOSEFINA B. TALLADO**

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FATHER GERARD FRANCISCO
TIMONER III OF CAMARINES NORTE AS THE FIRST ASIAN HEAD OF THE ORDER OF
PREACHERS WORLDWIDE**

WHEREAS, the Order of the Preachers, more popularly known as the "Dominican Order", was founded in 1216 by St. Dominic de Guzman. Its members include friars, nuns, active sisters, and lay Dominicans.

WHEREAS, prominent Dominicans include St. Albertus Magnus, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena;

WHEREAS, for the first time in the more than 800 year history of the worldwide Dominican Order, a Filipino, and also the first Asian, was elected as the Master of the Order of the Preachers;

WHEREAS, Father Gerard Francisco Timoner III, a native of Daet, Camarines Norte has been elected as the new Master of the Order of the Preachers during the General Chapter or world conference in Bien Hoa, Vietnam on July 13, 2019.

WHEREAS, Father Timoner's election as the new Master of the Order makes him the 88th successor of St. Dominic de Guzman and he will hold that position for a period of nine (9) years or until 2028;

WHEREAS, as the Master of the Dominican Order, Father Timoner will oversee the various ministries worldwide of the Dominican priests who number around 6,000 in over 80 countries;

WHEREAS, the Dominicans run parishes, hospitals, formation houses, pastoral ministries, schools and universities like the University of Sto. Tomas and Colegio de San Juan de Letran, among others;

WHEREAS, prior to his election, Father Timoner was appointed in 2014 by Pope Francis as member of the International Theological Commission, a 30-member Vatican body tasked with examining questions on doctrinal matters;

WHEREAS, the election of Father Timoner as the first Filipino and First Asian as the head of an influential and worldwide Order brings honor and becomes a source of inspiration not only to the People of Camarines Norte but also the entire Philippines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to recognize, commend, congratulate and to express our warmest felicitations to Father Timoner, as the First Filipino and the First Asian to head the worldwide Order of the Preachers.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that this Resolution be made part of the Official Records of the House of Representatives.

July 15, 2019, House of Representatives, Quezon City, Philippines.

Adopted,


HON. JOSEFINA B. TALLADO