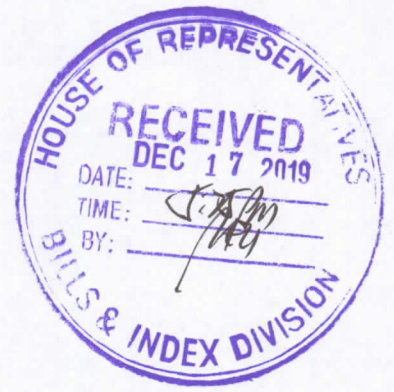


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**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 625**

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**Introduced by Hon. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto**

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**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE ACT OF  
HEROISM OF SURFER ROGER CASUGAY, THE PHILIPPINE'S FIRST-  
EVER GOLD MEDALIST IN SURFING AT THE 2019 SOUTHEAST ASIAN  
GAMES**

**WHEREAS,** On December 6, 2019, 25-year old Roger Casugay was leading a one-on-one race against Indonesian surfer Arip Nurhidayat for the Southeast Asian Games surfing event;

**WHEREAS,** Casugay noticed that Nurhidayat's ankle leash broke loose, throwing him deep into the sea as he was engulfed by tall waves at Monaliza Point, La Union;

**WHEREAS,** during this time, typhoon Tisoy (international name Kammuri) was ravaging the country, thereby making the sea conditions challenging;

**WHEREAS,** despite the the ongoing race, Casugay heroically paddled back to Nurhidayat and helped him back to safety;

**WHEREAS,** this heroic act—putting the safety of his fellow athlete before everything else—is a great reminder for humanity to always strive to be of service to our fellows and be able set aside differences in times of crisis;

**WHEREAS,** Casugay won gold during the rematch against Nurhidayat on December 7, 2019, thereby affirming his excellent surfing skills alongside his heroic character;

**WHEREAS,** Roger Casugay is worthy of supplementary national recognition as he gave our country stronger pride due to his heroism and excellent performance during the 30<sup>th</sup> Sea Games;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,** to express full gratitude, recognition, and commendation to Roger Casugay for his excellent performance and heroism during the 2019 30<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Games;

**RESOLVED, FINALLY,** that this resolution shall form part of the official records of the House of Representatives, a copy of this shall be furnished to Roger Casugay, and that a Congressional Plaque of Honor be issued to the same.

*ADOPTED,*

  
**JOHN MARVIN "YUL SERVO" C. NIETO**