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House Resolution No. 601



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Introduced by Rep. Ria Christina G. Fariñas

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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE FILIPINO SURFER ROGER CASUGAY FOR EXHIBITING HEROISM DURING THE 2019 SOUTHEAST ASIAN (SEA) GAMES AND FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE MEN'S LONGBOARD COMPETITION IN SAN JUAN, LA UNION**

**WHEREAS**, The Philippines was chosen to host the 2019 Southeast Asian (SEA) Games, the 30<sup>th</sup> edition of the biennial regional multi-sport event from November 30 to December 11 for the 11 members of the Southeast Asian Games Federation (SEAGF).

**WHEREAS**, 56 approved sports create the atmosphere of the 2019 SEA Games, in which includes one of the most exciting yet dangerous sport – Surfing.

**WHEREAS**, on December 6, 25-year old surfer Roger Casugay represented our country in the men's longboard competition held in San Juan, La Union.

**WHEREAS**, in the middle of the competition's third (3<sup>rd</sup>) round, Indonesian competitor, Arip Nurhidayat, broke his leash and was battered by triple overhead bomb waves.

**WHEREAS**, Casugay, without thinking of possibly losing the competition, risked his life and saved the Indonesian surfer bringing both of them back to shore on one surfing board.

**WHEREAS**, on December 8 at Monaliza Point in San Juan, La Union, Casugay still bagged the gold medal against his fellow Filipino surfer Rogelio Esquivel during the longboard open event, earning the Philippines its first ever gold medal in surfing at the 2019 Southeast Asian games.

**WHEREAS**, Casugay was branded as the event's hero for his act of heroism and portrayal of sportsmanship which became an inspiration not just to all Filipinos but to all the other participants across Southeast Asia.

**WHEREAS**, the Indonesian President, Joko Widodo expressed his gratitude towards the Filipino Surfer stating that "winning the competition and upholding sportsmanship is important, but humanity is above all."

**WHEREAS**, Casugay was summoned to Malacañang by President Rodrigo Duterte and was chosen to be the Philippines' flag bearer in the closing ceremony on December 11 at the New Clark City, Capas, Tarlac.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives to congratulate and commend Filipino surfer Roger Casugay for exhibiting heroism and sportsmanship in saving an Indonesian surfer during the 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games and for winning the gold medal in the men's longboard competition in San Juan, La Union.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be presented to Roger Casugay.

Adopted.



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