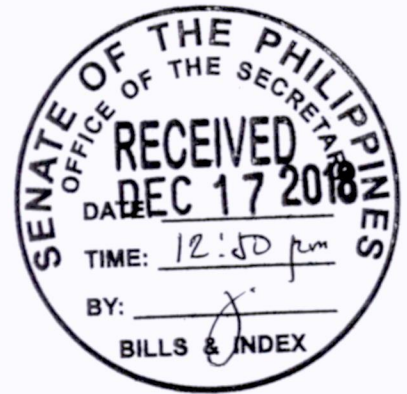


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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CATRIONA ELISA**  
**GRAY FOR WINNING THE PRESTIGIOUS MISS UNIVERSE**  
**2018 TITLE HELD IN BANGKOK, THAILAND**

**WHEREAS**, Filipinos are big supporters and devoted fans of beauty pageants, especially the most prestigious among the big four international pageants, which is the Miss Universe competition;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines has held an exemplary track record in the world of beauty pageants for being consistently in the top ten;

**WHEREAS**, this year is of no difference as Catriona Elisa Gray, a Filipino-Australian beauty queen, model and a singer, was crowned as the winner of the 67<sup>th</sup> Miss Universe Pageant held on December 17, 2018 at IMPACT Arena, Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok, Thailand;

**WHEREAS**, besting 93 other candidates from different countries, Catriona Elisa Gray, is the fourth Filipina to win the Miss Universe title – bringing back the Miss Universe crown to the Philippines since Pia Wurtzbach's win in 2015;

**WHEREAS**, Catriona Elisa Gray was born in Australia to her Filipina mother Normita Magnayon and to her Australian-Scottish father Ian Gray; but when she turned 18, she moved to the Philippines and stayed in Albay, Bicol;

**WHEREAS**, as young as five years old, Catriona Elisa Gray started her beauty pageant journey when she won the Little Miss

Philippines title in Sydney, Australia in 1999. She likewise reigned as Miss World Philippines 2016 and competed in the Miss World pageant, finishing in the top 5;

**WHEREAS**, before becoming a beauty queen, Catriona Elisa Gray was a model, a singer with a Master Certificate in Music Theory, a martial artist and a painter;


**WHEREAS**, she impressed the judges and the crowd not only with her beauty, charm and stunning “slow-mo twirl” but more importantly because of her wit, wisdom and positive outlook when she answered the final question based on her experience as a volunteer teacher’s assistant to the poor children in Tondo, Manila;

**WHEREAS**, Catriona Elisa Gray’s winning has placed the Philippines in the fourth spot in the list of countries that have the most number of Miss Universe title holders;

**WHEREAS**, Catriona Elisa Gray’s outstanding performance deserves to be commended and praised for the great honor, glory and recognition brought to our country and the Filipino people;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Catriona Elisa Gray for winning the prestigious Miss Universe 2018 title held at IMPACT Arena, Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok, Thailand on December 17, 2018.

*Adopted,*

  
**VICENTE C. SOTTO III**