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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CATRIONA ELISA MAGNAYON GRAY FOR HONORING THE COUNTRY WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS AND MOST COVETED MISS UNIVERSE CROWN AND TITLE

WHEREAS, 24-year old Catriona Elisa Magnayon Gray of Albay, Bicol made the country proud when she was crowned the winner of the 2018 Miss Universe Pageant held on 17 December 2018 at the Impact Arena in Nonthaburi, Thailand;

WHEREAS, Catriona Elisa Magnayon Gray bested 93 other contestants from around the world to be the fourth Filipina to win the most coveted crown next to Gloria Maria Aspillera Diaz, Maria Margarita Roxas Moran, and Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach who won the title in 1969, 1973, and 2015, respectively;

WHEREAS, singer, model and TV host Catriona Elisa Magnayon Gray has done invaluable work in raising awareness for various causes and has partnered with various organizations in her efforts to effect real and lasting social change, like the Love Yourself organization, which brings HIV/AIDS awareness and education, and the Young Focus organization, with which she created the Paraiso: The Bright Beginnings Project, a fundraising program with the goal of providing a three-story building that would serve as a preschool for impoverished children in Smokey Mountain;

WHEREAS, Catriona Elisa Magnayon Gray impressed the judges with her intelligence and nationalism during the preliminary interview, where she was asked for the title of a song she wishes to compose about her experience in Miss Universe, to which she answered: "'Raise Your Flag' because I stand here not as one but as 104 Million Filipinos!";

WHEREAS, Catriona Elisa Magnayon Gray cinched the crown for the country with her empathic answer to the final question, where, when asked for the most important lesson she has learned in life, she brought up the plight of impoverished children in the slums of Tondo, Manila, and the necessity of using her platform as a spokesperson to help these children see a more hopeful future;

WHEREAS, as this year's Miss Universe, Catriona Elisa Magnayon Gray will be the voice of the Miss Universe Organization and promote its mission of affecting positive change in the world through volunteering, fundraising and advocacy;

WHEREAS, for winning the Miss Universe title, Catriona Elisa Magnayon Gray has brought great pride, honor and glory to the country and the Filipino people, worthy of praise and commendation of this august Chamber.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Catriona Elisa Magnayon Gray for honoring the country with the prestigious and most coveted Miss Universe crown and title

Adopted,

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI