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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE BAYANIHAN PHILIPPINE**  
**DANCE COMPANY FOR WINNING THE GRAND PRIZE AT THE CHEONAN**  
**WORLD DANCE FESTIVAL 2022**

1 WHEREAS, Bayanihan, the national dance company of the Philippines, won  
2 the grand prize at the Cheonan World Dance Festival held from September 21 to 25  
3 in Cheonan, Korea by showcasing the beauty of the Philippines through dances and  
4 music<sup>1</sup>;

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6 WHEREAS, in 1956 Dr. Helena Z Benitez founded the Bayanihan Folk Dance  
7 Group of the Philippine Women's University. The following year, 1957, it was  
8 formally organized as the Bayanihan Folk Arts Center with the Bayanihan Philippine  
9 Dance Company as its performing arm<sup>2</sup>;

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11 WHEREAS, in appreciation and recognition of their pioneering efforts and  
12 international success, the people of the Philippines through the 10th Congress  
13 enacted R.A. 8626 declaring the Bayanihan Philippine Dance Company as The  
14 Philippines National Folk Dance Company<sup>3</sup>;

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16 WHEREAS, the Bayanihan Philippines Dance Company takes its name from an  
17 ancient Filipino tradition called Bayanihan, which means working together for a  
18 common good<sup>4</sup>;

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20 WHEREAS, Bayanihan bested other dance groups from Europe and Asia that  
21 participated in the Cheonan World Dance Festival 2022. It is the 14th international  
22 recognition garnered by Bayanihan<sup>5</sup>;

<sup>1</sup>Manila Standard News Website, Bayanihan bags prize at Cheonan World Dance Festival,  
<https://manilastandard.net/lifestyle/314263562/bayanihan-bags-prize-at-cheonan-world-dance-festival.html>

<sup>2</sup>Cultural Center of the Philippines Website, Bayanihan Dance Company,  
<https://culturalcenter.gov.ph/company/bayanihan-dance-company/>

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid.

<sup>5</sup>Supra [Citation 1]

1           WHEREAS, according to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts,  
2 The annual Cheonan World Dance Festival is a gathering of some of the world's best  
3 dancers who celebrate their traditional cultures through a spectacular showcase of  
4 performances and street parades that culminates with the most-anticipated dance  
5 competition among participating countries;

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7           WHEREAS, the Bayanihan Philippine Dance Company is a paragon of Filipino  
8 ingenuity and craftsmanship in the field of arts and culture;

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10          WHEREAS, it is but fitting that the Senate commend and congratulate the  
11 Bayanihan Philippine Dance Company for bringing pride and glory to the country and  
12 for showcasing our nation's aesthetic values to the world;

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14          NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to  
15 congratulate and commend the Bayanihan Philippine Dance Company for winning  
16 the grand prize at Cheonan World Dance Festival 2022.  
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Adopted,

  
**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**