COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1041

Submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on June 2, 2021
Re: House Resolution No. 1828

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 720 and 744
Sponsors: Representatives Faustino Michael T. Dy, III and Vincent Franco “Duke” D. Frasco

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Youth and Sports Development to which were referred House Resolution No. 720, introduced by Rep. Vincent Franco “Duke” D. Frasco, entitled:

A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING DR. POTENCIANO ‘YONG’ S. LARRAZABAL III FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO CONQUER THE WORLD MARATHON CHALLENGE HELD LAST FEBRUARY 06 TO 12, 2020 (7 MARATHONS ON 7 CONTINENTS IN 7 DAYS)

and House Resolution No. 744, introduced by Rep. Raul V. Del Mar (+), entitled:

A RESOLUTION
CONFERRING APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION TO DR. POTENCIANO “YONG” S. LARRAZABAL III FOR HIS RARE ACHIEVEMENT OF BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO COMPETE AND FINISH THE 2020 WORLD MARATHON CHALLENGE AND THUS JOIN THE SEVEN CONTINENTS MARATHON CLUB, BRINGING SINGULAR HONOR TO THE COUNTRY AND PROVIDING AN EXAMPLE TO FILIPINOS IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF SPORTS

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 1828, entitled:

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING DR. POTENCIANO “YONG” S. DOMINGO LARRAZABAL III FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO CONQUER THE WORLD MARATHON CHALLENGE HELD ON FEBRUARY 06 TO 12, 2020


Respectfully submitted,

REP. FAUSTINO MICHAEL T. DY III
Chairperson
Committee on Youth and Sports Development
WHEREAS, the World Marathon Challenge, comprising 7 marathons in 7 continents within 7 days, was a formidable logistical and physical contest;

WHEREAS, the marathon challenge began in Antarctica where competitors ran the standard 42.2-kilometer marathon distance in the 7 continents comprising of Antarctica, Africa, Australia, Asia, Europe, South America, and North America within 7 days or 168 hours from the start of the first marathon to the finish of the final marathon in Antarctica;

WHEREAS, there have been 6 editions of the race since its inception in 2015, and only 152 participants from all around the world have finished the said challenge to date;
WHEREAS, renowned eye surgeon from Cebu, Dr. Potenciano “Yong” S. Larrazabal III, is a veteran runner who first showed his athletic prowess in the running circuit in 2018 when he received a “Six Star Finisher” medal from the Abbot World Marathon Majors for completing 6 of the world’s largest road races – the New York City, Berlin, Chicago, London, Tokyo, and Boston marathons;

WHEREAS, from February 6 to 12, 2020, Dr. Larrazabal traversed the globe and ran the standard 42.2-kilometer marathon distance in Novolazarevskaya, (Antarctica); Capetown, (Africa); Perth, (Australia); Dubai, (Asia); Spain, (Europe); Brazil, (South America); and Miami, (North America) –clocking within the range of 4 hours, from 4:06:30 in Miami where he finished 4th place to 4:44:47 in Novolazarevskaya, Antarctica, and finishing over-all at 12th place;

WHEREAS, Dr. Larrazabal had to endure extreme conditions such as freezing temperatures as low as -20 degrees Celsius, wind speed of 50 km/hour, and running in darkness for almost 4 hours in Antarctica;

WHEREAS, Dr. Larrazabal made history as the first Filipino marathoner to compete and finish the World Marathon Challenge, and thus earned the privilege of joining the unique Seven Continents Marathon Club which is reserved for athletes who have ran a marathon within the Antarctic circle in the Antarctica continent, and in the other 6 continents;

WHEREAS, in the light of this historic moment for the country, it is thus fitting to congratulate and commend the victory of Dr. Larrazabal for his resilience, determination, discipline, courage, and endurance that serves as inspiration not only to young athletes in various fields of sports but to all the Filipino youth: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To congratulate and commend Dr. Potenciano “Yong” S. Domingo Larrazabal III for being the first Filipino to conquer the World Marathon Challenge held on February 06 to 12, 2020;

Resolved, further, That Dr. Potenciano “Yong” S. Larrazabal be furnished a copy of this Resolution.

Adopted,