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Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-second
day of July, two thousand nineteen.

RESOLUTION NO. 63

RESOLUTION COMMENDING FILIPINO SURFER ROGER
CASUGAY FOR EXHIBITING AN ACT OF HEROISM
IN RESCUING A FELLOW COMPETITOR DURING
THE SURFING COMPETITION OF THE 2019
SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES (SEA GAMES) IN SAN
JUAN LA UNION, AND FOR WINNING THE GOLD
MEDAL IN THE MEN’S LONGBOARD SURFING
COMPETITION

WHEREAS, the 30th edition of the Southeast Asian
Games (SEA Games), a biennial regional multi-sport event,
was hosted by the Philippines from November 30 to December
11, 2019 with competition venues spread in twenty-three
(23) cities and municipalities across the island of Luzon;
WHEREAS, the 2019 SEA Games was the biggest SEA Games in history, featuring a total of fifty-six (56) sports, and five hundred thirty (530) events, including the most exciting yet dangerous sport of surfing;

WHEREAS, twenty-five (25)-year old surfer Roger Casugay, a native of La Union, was a member of the contingent of top Filipino surfers who represented our country in the men's longboard competition, which was held in San Juan, La Union on December 6, 2019;

WHEREAS, in the course of the surfing competition, the ankle leash of Indonesia's Arip Nurhidayat was detached and he was swept away from his surfboard by strong waves;

WHEREAS, seeing that the life of a fellow competitor was in danger, Filipino surfer Roger Casugay risked his life when he rescued the Indonesian competitor, and brought him back to shore on his surfboard without regard to the possibility of losing in the competition;

WHEREAS, surfer Roger Casugay's display of a selfless act proved that sporting events are not only about winning medals but more about character, resilience, love and unity amidst diversity and competition;

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Adopted,

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ALAN PETER “COMPANERO” S. CAYETANO
Speaker ♂

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