

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Resolution No. 211



Introduced by the **Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo**

A RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING RACHEL ALAMIL-BESSANT, A FILIPINA, FOR BEING CONFERRED THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA AWARD (OAM) DURING THE COMMEMORATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY ON JANUARY 26, 2019

WHEREAS, Rachel Alamil-Bessant, a native of Ormoc, Leyte, is the first Filipina to be conferred the Order of Australia Award (OAM) during the commemoration of Australia Day on January 26, 2019;

WHEREAS, during her 60th birthday celebration on August 2, 2019, Bessant showed her gold-plated medal to her relatives and friends who attended the event at the Sabin Resort Hotel in Ormoc;

WHEREAS, the Order of Australia Award (OAM) is Australia's way of recognizing the exemplary achievements and services of its citizens;

WHEREAS, Bessant, who founded the Filipino Needy Children's Fund in 2000, was working in a hospital in Tasmania in 2006 when she heard that a village in Southern Leyte was buried in a landslide;


WHEREAS, Bessant immediately conducted various activities such as selling raffle tickets and sausages to raise funds for the orphans of Barangay Guinsaugon;

WHEREAS, since then, Bessant managed to attract volunteers and raise funds and donations for the Philippines;

WHEREAS, recently, the Filipino Needy Children's Fund, which is a registered foundation in Australia, distributed toys and fed at least 1,000 children in Ormoc and donated wheelchairs in Kananga town;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to congratulate and commend Rachel Alamil-Bessant, a Filipina, for being conferred the Order of Australia Award (OAM) during the commemoration of Australia Day on January 26, 2019.

ADOPTED,


PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO