

Republic of the Philippines  
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Senate  
Manila City

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RESOLUTION No. 249

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING  
MAJOR FLOREN HERRERA FOR BECOMING THE  
FIRST FILIPINO RECIPIENT OF THE ALEXANDER R.  
NININGER AWARD FOR VALOR AT ARMS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has consistently recognized outstanding Filipinos who bring honor and glory to the nation through their remarkable feats and prestigious awards;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution declares that the prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people;

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution requires all public officers and employees to act with patriotism and justice;

WHEREAS, on 23 May 2017, terrorist groups conducted a siege of Marawi City prompting a massive military response on the part of the Philippine Government;

WHEREAS, one of those tasked to respond and neutralize the grave threat to national security was then First Lieutenant Floren Herrera who hails from Roma Sur, Enrile, Cagayan in the Ilocos Region;

WHEREAS, prior to his deployment in the Marawi siege, Herrera was a distinguished cadet during his days in the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and graduated with honors from the world-renowned military school in 2013;

WHEREAS, during the Marawi siege, then First Lieutenant Herrera, as the executive officer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Scout Ranger Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Scout Ranger Battalion, displayed remarkable patriotism, exceptional bravery, and excellent tactical acumen;

WHEREAS, in one of the battles in Marawi, Herrera expertly maneuvered his troops to seize a strategically-important building and paved the way for a successful ambush against the terrorists;

WHEREAS, there were accounts that during the clearing of buildings where terrorists snipers were positioned, Herrera “displayed exceptional bravery and tactical expertise by maneuvering his platoon through unexpected avenues of approach and catching the enemy by surprise”;

WHEREAS, Herrera also played a key role in the neutralization of two notorious terrorist leaders as he led the assault in the buildings adjacent to where these terrorist leaders were hiding out;

WHEREAS, on 10 October 2024, Major Herrera received the 2024 Nininger Award for Valor at Arms. Established in 2006 by the Association of Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy, the Nininger Award was named after Second Lieutenant Alexander Ramsey Nininger Jr. who was the first Medal of Honor recipient of World War II. The award is given to an “exemplar of heroic action in battle”;

WHEREAS, Major Herrera exemplifies the proud and long-standing Ilocano military tradition of excellence and gallantry. His actions and accomplishments serve as inspiration not only to the Armed Forces of the Philippines but also to the entire Filipino people;

WHEREAS, the Senate has consistently honored distinguished individuals who serve as worthy examples for the entire nation to emulate, including men and women in uniform who go above and beyond the call of duty in order to protect the country: Now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate and commend Major Floren Herrera for becoming the first Filipino recipient of the Alexander R. Nininger Award for Valor at Arms.*

Adopted,



FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO

*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 3, 2025.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.

*Secretary of the Senate*