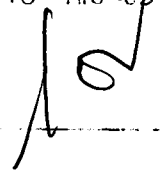


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**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MAJOR
FLOREN HERRERA FOR BECOMING THE FIRST FILIPINO RECIPIENT OF
THE ALEXANDER R. NININGER AWARD FOR VALOR AT ARMS**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 4 of the 1987 Constitution declares that the prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people;

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 1 of the 1987 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 2nd Scout Ranger Company, 1st 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;

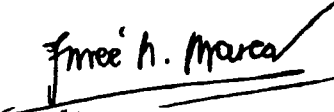
WHEREAS, on 10 October 2024, Major Herrera received the 2024 Nininger Award for Valor. Established in 2006 by the Association of Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy, the Nininger Award was named after Second Lieutenant Alexander Ramsey Nininger Jr. who was the first Medal of Honor recipient of World 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 AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED
BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES,*** to extend its heartfelt
congratulations and highest commendation to Major Floren Herrera for
becoming the first Filipino Recipient of the Alexander R. Nininger Award for
Valor at Arms.

Adopted,


IMEE R. MARCOS