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SENATE

P. S. Res. No. **1009**

Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID

RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ROBERTO "AMBET" YANGCO FOR
BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO RECEIVE THE PRESTIGIOUS JOHN F.
KENNEDY SERVICE AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, given recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their astonishing feat of bringing honor, pride and glory to the country by garnering prestigious awards;

WHEREAS, U.S. Peace Corps Philippines Youth Program Manager Roberto "Ambet" Yangco received the John F. Kennedy Service Award given by U.S. Peace Corps CEO Carol Spahn at the iconic U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. on 19 May 2022;

WHEREAS, the mentioned award, which was named after former U.S. President And U.S. Peace Corps founder John F. Kennedy, is only given to those who demonstrated extraordinary leadership and commitment to service, as well as a lifelong commitment to the Peace Corps' mission of world peace and friendship;

WHEREAS, Mr. Yangco, the head of U.S. volunteer organization's Youth Program in the Philippines, was the first Filipino to receive such prestigious award, which is only given once every five years to two staff and two American volunteers across more than sixty countries;

WHEREAS, Mr. Yangco was chosen to be the one of the recipients of such award for his exceptional lifelong service and leadership supporting and protecting thousands of Filipino at-risk youth from homelessness, trafficking, violence, and drugs;

WHEREAS, Mr. Yangco grew up in the streets of Olongapo City and was in fact taken in by a local Catholic non-government organization supporting abandoned and underprivileged children;

WHEREAS, such challenging experiences moved him to dedicate and commit his life in giving service to the Filipino youth;

WHEREAS, Mr. Yangco leads one of the U.S. Peace Corps' top-ranked volunteer programs globally and in his 22-year career with the Peace Corps, he has deployed over 300 American volunteers in orphanages, shelters, and youth centers across the country;

WHEREAS, he has inspired Filipino at-risk youth to volunteer and become social workers in their own communities;

WHEREAS, Mr. Yangco has also selflessly served as an HIV/AIDS outreach worker, an educator for street children, and a community development officer;

WHEREAS, the extraordinary leadership and commendable service of Mr. Yangco to the Filipino youth deserves the highest praise, recognition and commendation for bringing pride and inspiration to the Filipino people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate congratulates and commends Roberto "Ambet" Yangco for being the first Filipino recipient of the prestigious John F. Kennedy Award.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator