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SENATE P.S. Resolution No.1260

Introduced by SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SOFRONIO VASQUEZ FOR WINNING THE 26TH SEASON OF THE VOICE USA AND FOR BRINGING PRIDE, JOY, AND HONOR TO THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the Philippines has, on multiple occasions, given recognition and praise to exceptional Filipinos for their remarkable achievements, unparalleled talents, and unyielding efforts that bring pride, joy, and honor to the nation;

WHEREAS, on 10 December 2024, Sofronio Vasquez, a 32-year-old Filipino from Ozamiz City, Misamis Occidental won the 26th Season of The Voice USA;

WHEREAS, Vasquez, representing Team Michael Bublé, secured majority of America's votes during the said finale. Vasquez clinched the title, a USD 100,000 cash prize, and a coveted record deal;

WHEREAS, his journey to success was anything but ordinary. Vasquez was born in Mindanao. He initially pursued a career in dentistry, studying at Misamis University. However, in 2022, when his father passed away, he reignited his musical aspirations. Vasquez, thereafter, relocated to Utica, New York, juggling dental assistant work while sharpening his vocal craft;

WHEREAS, before his success in the USA, Vasquez had already made waves in the Philippines, in 2018, on It's Showtime segment, "*Tawag ng Tanghalan"*. In 2019, Vasquez returned in the "All-Star Grand *Resbak,*" reclaiming the stage with Kelly Clarkson's "My Grown-Up Christmas List" and finished third;

WHEREAS, Vasquez got his second chance at a music career in the United States when he was greenlighted through to The Voice USA Blind Auditions. From his audition which got him all four coaches to turn for him, to his finale duet with coach Michael Bublé, Vasquez soared through his performances including the Roy Orbison ballad, "Crying," "Sia's "Unstoppable", and "A Million Dreams" from The Greatest Showman soundtrack;

WHEREAS, Vasquez is the first Asian and Filipino winner of The Voice USA. Not only people in the Philippines, but as well as those in Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, and China rooted for him, making his win, truly an international event;

WHEREAS, the journey of Vasquez stands as a powerful example of how one's talent and determination can ultimately lead to success. Despite having been rejected many times and going through difficult adversities in life, Vasquez used these to turn the chair around which got him the best redemption anyone could ever imagine;

WHEREAS, Vasquez' outstanding performance and historic victory will serve as an inspiration and beacon of hope not just for the Filipino singers but for the entire nation, as well;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, congratulating and commending Sofronio Vasquez for winning the 26th Season of the Voice USA and for bringing pride, joy, and honor to the country.

Adopted,

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