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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING KATRINA "KACH" UMANDAP FOR HER HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT AS THE YOUNGEST FILIPINA TO TRAVEL TO ALL 195 COUNTRIES USING A PHILIPPINE PASSPORT

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines recognizes outstanding individuals whose exceptional achievements bring honor and inspiration to the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, at just 36 years old, Katrina "Kach" Umandap has made history as the youngest Filipina to travel to all 195 countries in the world using a Philippine passport, a feat accomplished through remarkable determination, resilience, and resourcefulness;

WHEREAS, Kach Umandap, born in Makati City and raised in San Pablo City, Laguna, is the daughter of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and a graduate of Economics from the University of the Philippines Los Baños;

WHEREAS, Kach Umandap was able to achieve her feat in spite of the limitations posed by the Philippine passport, ranked 75th in the Henley & Partners Passport Index;

WHEREAS, despite facing challenges such as stringent visa restrictions, bureaucratic red tape, and financial constraints, Kach Umandap's strategic planning, extensive research, and tenacity enabled her to conquer these obstacles and fulfill her dream of exploring all seven continents;

WHEREAS, Kach began her journey as a digital nomad in 2013, initially traveling across Southeast Asia and subsequently expanding her horizons to South America,

Africa, Europe, and beyond, documenting her adventures through her blog, "Two Monkeys Travel," and inspiring countless Filipinos to embrace travel and remote work;

WHEREAS, upon completing her journey, Kach became the first woman from a low passport-index country to be verified on NomadMania, a globally recognized travel achievement platform, further solidifying her place in the international travel community;

WHEREAS, Kach Umandap's story underscores the importance of empowering young Filipinos with digital skills, fostering a culture of remote work, and inspiring a new generation of Filipino globetrotters to explore the world and promote Philippine culture internationally;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to congratulate and commend Katrina "Kach" Umandap for her historic achievement as the youngest Filipina to travel to all 195 countries using a Philippine passport, bringing pride and inspiration to the nation and embodying the values of resilience, ingenuity, and determination that define the Filipino spirit.

Adopted,

MANUEL "LITO" M. Senator