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Introduced by **REP. JAVIER MIGUEL L. BENITEZ**

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING FILIPINO TRANSWOMAN FASHION DESIGNER VEEJAY FLORESCA FOR BRINGING HONOR TO THE COUNTRY AS THE WINNER OF PROJECT RUNWAY SEASON 21

WHEREAS, Project Runway is a popular American fashion design competition series where contestants vie to create the best garments within a limited timeframe, using specified materials and adhering to a given theme;

WHEREAS, Ms. Veejay Floresca, a proud Filipino transwoman, made her first national mark as a fashion designer when she joined the inaugural Project Runway Philippines in 2008, where she finished as runner-up;

WHEREAS, Ms. Floresca received a full scholarship at the De La Salle–College of Saint Benilde, where she earned her degree in Fashion Design and Merchandising and graduated cum laude;

WHEREAS, Ms. Floresca pursued further studies abroad, completing an associate degree in Bridalwear at Central Saint Martins in London, and later a master's degree in Fashion at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco;

WHEREAS, despite being rejected in numerous auditions for Project Runway, Ms. Floresca persevered until finally being accepted in the 21st season, where she made history as both the first Filipino and the first openly transwoman contestant to win the competition;

WHEREAS, in the Season 21 finale, Ms. Floresca secured her victory when she showcased five gowns that impressed the distinguished judges of the contest, including supermodel Heidi Klum, stylist Law Roach, fashion journalist Nina Garcia, and designer Michael Kors;

WHEREAS, Ms. Floresca's journey as a fashion designer, defined by resilience and relentless dedication, serves as a powerful inspiration for Filipinos and members of the LGBT+ community across the globe to nurture their creative talents and pursue their dreams; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Floresca's victory brings honor and recognition not only to her craft but also to the Filipino people, affirming that Filipino creativity and innovation in the fashion industry are admired and celebrated on the international stage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, to commend and congratulate Ms. Veejay Floresca for winning the 21st Season of Project Runway on September 26, 2025, in the United States of America.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Ms. Veejay Floresca and her family as a token of recognition and appreciation by the House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines.

Adopted,

JAVIER MIGUEL L. BENITEZ