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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 247

Submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on April 27, 2026

Re: House Resolution No. 960

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 506

Sponsors: Representatives Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III and Antonio B. Legarda, Jr.

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Youth and Sports Development, to which was referred House Resolution No. 506, introduced by Representative Antonio B. Legarda, Jr., entitled:

A RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO TRAIL RUNNER
JOHN RAY "STINGRAY" ONIFA FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL
PERFORMANCE IN THE ULTRA-TRAIL DU MONT-BLANC (UTMB)
WORLD SERIES EVENTS**

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 960, entitled:

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**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO TRAIL RUNNER
JOHN RAY "STINGRAY" G. ONIFA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING FIRST-
PLACE FINISHES IN THE ULTRA-TRAIL DU MONT-BLANC WORLD
SERIES EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2025**

be adopted in substitution of House Resolution No. 506 with Representatives Antonio B. Legarda Jr., Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III, Richard I. Gomez, DPA, Steve Chiongbian Solon, Jose Manuel "JM" F. Lagdameo, Rebecca Maria Alcantara Ynares, Joseph Kim C. Yu, Gerald Cloyd Alexis V. Galang, Girlie E. Veloso, and Audrey Kay T. Zubiri as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



REP. FAUSTINO MICHAEL CARLOS T. DY III
Chairperson
Committee on Youth and Sports Development

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CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO TRAIL RUNNER JOHN RAY “STINGRAY” G. ONIFA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING FIRST-PLACE FINISHES IN THE ULTRA-TRAIL DU MONT-BLANC WORLD SERIES EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2025

1 **WHEREAS**, the Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc is a single-stage mountain
2 ultramarathon held annually since 2003 that follows a loop of approximately 170 to 174
3 kilometers around the Mont-Blanc massif in the Alps, the highest mountain range in
4 Western Europe;

5 **WHEREAS**, Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc is widely regarded as one of the most
6 prestigious, competitive and physically demanding trail ultramarathons in the world,
7 featuring approximately 10,000 meters (approximately 33,000 feet) of total ascent and
8 traversing France, Italy, and Switzerland;

9 **WHEREAS**, Filipino trail runner John Ray “Stingray” G. Onifa, a distinguished
10 native of Antique, represented the Philippines in the Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc World
11 Series and earned five first-place finishes in World Series events in the course of 2025;

12 **WHEREAS**, John Ray G. Onifa secured his first 2025 victory in the 1000-meter
13 category at the 9 Dragons Ultra, held on February 14, 2025, in Tai Tong, Hong Kong,
14 completing the 143.5-kilometer course in a time of 16 hours, 56 minutes, and 59
15 seconds, among a field of 200 competitors;

16 **WHEREAS**, John Ray G. Onifa also secured first place in the 75-kilometer
17 category at the Vietnam Ultra Marathon 2025, held on March 8, 2025, in Hoa Binh,
18 Vietnam, completing the course in a time of 7 hours, 15 minutes, and 54 seconds,
19 among a field of 169 international finishers;

20 **WHEREAS**, John Ray G. Onifa further secured first place in the 50-kilometer
21 category at the 2025 Kaga Spa Trail Endurance 50 held on June 21, 2025, in

1 Yamanaka Onsen, Japan, completing the course in a time of 5 hours, 54 minutes, and
2 46 seconds, among a field of 902 starters, with 652 finishers;

3 **WHEREAS**, John Ray G. Onifa further secured first place in the 20-kilometer
4 category at the SwissPeaks Trail 2025 Semi-Marathon, held on September 7, 2025, in
5 Le Bouveret, Switzerland, completing the 21.4-kilometer course in a time of 1 hour, 32
6 minutes, and 46 seconds, among a field of 469 recorded finishers;

7 **WHEREAS**, most recently, John Ray G. Onifa, secured first place in the
8 100-kilometer category at the 2025 TransLantau 80, held on November 15, 2025, at
9 Lantau Island, Hong Kong, completing the course in a time of 7 hours, 59 minutes, and
10 20 seconds, among a field of 470 competitors;

11 **WHEREAS**, the five first-place finishes achieved by John Ray G. Onifa during
12 the calendar year 2025 in prestigious international ultramarathon events, not only
13 reflect extraordinary stamina, steadfast discipline, and athletic excellence at the
14 highest level of trail running competition but also bring honor and pride to the Filipino
15 people, and underscore the Philippines' growing prominence in the global
16 ultramarathon and trail running community: Now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the House of Representatives*, To congratulate and commend
18 Filipino trail runner John Ray "Stingray" G. Onifa for his outstanding first-place finishes
19 in the Ultra-Trail Du Mont-Blanc World Series events throughout the year 2025.

20 *Resolved further*, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Mr. John Ray
21 "Stingray" Onifa.

22 *Adopted*,