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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of July, two thousand twenty-five.

RESOLUTION NO. 87

RESOLUTION 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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, John Ray G. Onifa further secured first place in the 50-kilometer category at the 2025 Kaga Spa Trail Endurance 50 held on June 21, 2025, in Yamanaka Onsen, Japan, completing the course in a time of 5 hours, 54 minutes, and 46 seconds, among a field of 902 starters, with 652 finishers;

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

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

WHEREAS, the five first-place finishes achieved by John Ray G. Onifa during the calendar year 2025 in prestigious international ultramarathon events, not only reflect extraordinary stamina, steadfast discipline, and athletic excellence at the highest

level of trail running competition, but also bring honor and pride to the Filipino people, and underscore the Philippines' growing prominence in the global ultramarathon and trail running community: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To congratulate and commend 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.

Resolved, further, That Mr. John Ray "Stingray" G. Onifa be furnished a copy of this Resolution.

Adopted,



FAUSTINO "BOJIE" G. DY III

Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on May 13, 2026.



CHELOY E. VELICARIA-GARAFIL

Secretary General

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