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

RESOLUTION NO. 306

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING KASAMA FOR
BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO RESTAURANT TO BE
AWARDED A MICHELIN STAR

WHEREAS, on 7 April 2022, Kasama, a Filipino restaurant based in Chicago, Illinois, USA was awarded a Michelin Star, being the first Filipino-themed restaurant to win the recognition;

WHEREAS, the Michelin Star is awarded by the Michelin Guide to recognize culinary excellence, taking into account the quality of ingredients, the harmony of flavors, the mastery of techniques, the personality of the chef as expressed in their cuisine and, just as importantly, consistency both over time and across the entire menu;

WHEREAS, Kasama is a restaurant and bakery that was opened by Filipino Chef Timothy Flores and his wife, Chef Genie Kwon in 2020 in the East Ukrainian Village in Chicago, Illinois, highlighting contemporary Filipino cuisine;

WHEREAS, Kasama's dinner tasting was described by the Michelin Guide as one that "reflects their training, experience, and heritage for an experience that is ambitious, clever, and distinct";

WHEREAS, Kasama's highlighted dishes include a maitake mushroom adobo with mussel emulsion, pancit with Jamón Serrano, and a halo-halo, combining Asian pear granita, pandan ice cream, leche flan, and freeze-dried mandarin;

WHEREAS, Kasama was previously named part of the *New York Times*' 2021 The Restaurant List, featuring the top 50 "most vibrant and delicious" restaurants in the USA, and *Eater's* and *Chicago Magazine's* Best New Restaurants list for 2021;

WHEREAS, Kasama is a representation of how both traditional and modern elements of Filipino cuisine, through its ingredients, flavors, and cooking techniques, can be harmonized to create dishes which are representative of Filipino culture and heritage;

WHEREAS, Chef Flores' and Chef Kwon's hard work and innovations have caused Filipino food and gastronomy to be highlighted on the global stage, and thus bringing immense pride to the Philippine gastronomical community, and to the Philippines as a whole;

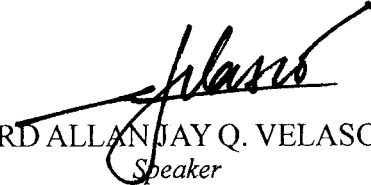
WHEREAS, Kasama's Michelin Star serves as an example of the high-caliber creativity of the Filipino and is an inspiration to many Filipino restaurateurs and gastronomes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its profound congratulations to Kasama, and to its owners Chef Timothy Flores and Chef Genie Kwon, on being the

first Filipino restaurant to be awarded the highly coveted Michelin Star.

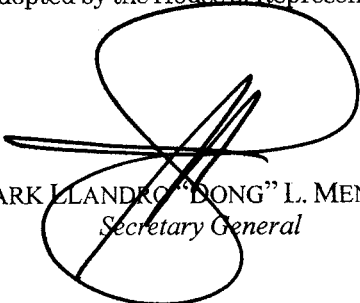
Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished Chef Flores and Chef Kwon, and another copy be prepared for submission to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines for proper archiving.

Adopted,



LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on May 26, 2022.



MARK LLANDRO "DONG" L. MENDOZA
Secretary General

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