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House of Representatives
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RESOLUTION NO. 251

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING
VOGUE PHILIPPINES FOR MAKING HISTORY BY
FEATURING KALINGA'S APO WHANG-OD, "VOGUE'S
OLDEST EVER COVER MODEL", ON THE COVER OF
ITS APRIL 2023 ISSUE

WHEREAS, Vogue Philippines is the Philippine edition of one of the most revered international magazines, VOGUE, which features the latest in fashion, beauty, and lifestyle;

WHEREAS, Vogue Philippines made history by featuring Kalinga's Apo Whang-Od, a traditional tattoo artist and cultural icon, on the cover of its April 2023 issue;

WHEREAS, Apo Whang-Od, at the age of 106, became "Vogue's Oldest Ever Cover Model", making her an inspiration and symbol of vitality and strength for people all over the world;

WHEREAS, Apo Whang-Od is actually Maria Oggay, a Filipina tattoo artist from Buscalan, Tinglayan, Kalinga, who is often ascribed as the "last" and oldest "*mambabatok*" or traditional "Kalinga Tattooist". She is part of the *Butbut* people of the larger Kalinga ethnic group;

WHEREAS, the April 2023 Vogue Philippines' Beauty issue cover, which was photographed by Mr. Artu Nepomuceno, is groundbreaking in so many levels, prompting international personalities and celebrities to notice and admire the beauty and power of its featured model;

WHEREAS, the April 2023 Vogue Philippines issue highlights the beauty and diversity of Filipino culture and heritage, and serves as a testament to the richness of the country's history and traditions;

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the House of Representatives extend its appreciation and gratitude to Apo Whang-Od for being a source of inspiration and pride for Filipinos all over the world;

WHEREAS, Vogue Philippines has been consistent in showcasing the best of Filipino creativity, talent, and style, and has become a platform for promoting our country's arts and culture to the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To congratulate and commend Vogue Philippines for making history by featuring Kalinga's Apo Whang-Od, "Vogue's Oldest Ever Cover Model", on the cover of its April 2023 issue.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished Vogue Philippines, Apo Whang-Od, and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

Adopted,


 FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on September 11, 2024.


 REGINALD S. VELASCO
Secretary General