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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL OF MANILA'S HIGHEST ADMIRATION TO MANILA POLICE STAFF SERGEANT AND MANILA CITYSTARS PLAYER JULIUS MANALO FOR COURAGEOUSLY SHARING ON SOCIAL MEDIA HIS HEARTFELT AND REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF FINDING HIS LONG-LOST KOREAN MOTHER AFTER THIRTY-ONE (31) YEARS OF SEPARATION

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WHEREAS, Manila Police Staff Sergeant Julius Manalo, who is likewise a professional basketball player of the Manila Citystars Team under the Pilipinas Super League, had shared in his Tiktok account his heartfelt personal journey hashtagged #findingmom which chronicled his search for his long-lost Korean mother that was featured in the Korean TV program, "Mother Spring Day" on September 29, 2024;

WHEREAS, local GMA Program, "Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho" later picked up and aired a segment on 13 October 2024 showing Julius Manalo, born "Oh Jun Yeong" from South Korea, tearfully reuniting with his mother, Oh Geum, whom he last saw when he was just a six (6) years old boy traveling back to the Philippines accompanied by his father;

WHEREAS, both mother and child lost contact for the next thirty-one (31) years during which time, Julius endured a hard childhood living in a tough neighborhood in Tondo, Manila;

WHEREAS, he used his life experience becoming a street-wise kid as his motivation to finish his studies and later entered the Manila Police Force while fulfilling his dream of becoming a professional basketball player and being blessed with a loving and supportive family of his own;

WHEREAS, being a true-blooded Manileño who values familial ties above all else, Julius Manalo had clearly demonstrated his unconditional love and fidelity to a mother whom he did not begrudge and had not forgotten across time and beyond oceans: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to express, as it hereby expresses the City Council of Manila's highest admiration to Manila Police Staff Sergeant and Manila Citystars Player Julius Manalo for courageously sharing on social media his heartfelt and remarkable journey of finding his long-lost Korean mother after thirty-one (31) years of separation; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to Staff Sgt. Julius Manalo, Manila Police District (MPD) Director B/Gen Arnold Thomas C. Ibay and Commissioner Allan Caidic of the Pilipinas Super League.

PRESIDED BY:

JOHN MARVIN C. "YVIL SERVO" NIETO
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City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on October 17, 2024.

ATTESTED:

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(Secretary to the City Council) 9

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