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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1802**

**Introduced by**  
**Hon. Christopher V.P. de Venecia**

**A RESOLUTION**  
**URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE SPECIAL**  
**COMMITTEE ON CREATIVE INDUSTRY AND PERFORMING ARTS AND**  
**OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF**  
**REPRESENTATIVES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,**  
**ON THE STATE OF FILIPINO GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY HERITAGE**

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2018, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declared, through Proclamation No. 469, the Month of April as the "Buwan ng Kalutong Pilipino" or "Filipino Food Month", recognizing the vast culinary tradition and treasures of the Philippines and the need to promote, preserve, and transmit to future generations;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10066 or the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009 recognizes culinary tradition as part of our country's cultural heritage, ready to be utilized to highlight our country's character and to foster national pride and sense of belonging;

**WHEREAS**, in April 2021, the organization behind The World's 50 Best Restaurants and The World's 50 Best Bars has unveiled the first edition of 50 Next, a list of young people shaping the future of gastronomy, which has included two Filipinos namely Cherrie Atilano, the founder of Agrea, and Louise Mabulo, the founder of The Cacao Project, both of whom are champions of sustainability and livelihood in the world of food and gastronomy;

**WHEREAS**, in May 2021, The Curator Coffee & Cocktails, the hidden joint located along Palanca Street in the City of Makati, well-known for its exemplary coffee and cocktail programs, was named one of the 50 best bars in Asia;

**WHEREAS**, these recent international and regional recognitions serve as proof and preview of the Filipinos' ability to compete at the regional and international level in the food and culinary industries through our natural talent and creativity;



**WHEREAS**, the stakeholders of Filipino Food and Culinary Heritage span across the sectors of agriculture, tourism, and culture and the arts;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to recognize, calibrate, and measure the contributions of all stakeholders in the value chain of the Filipino culinary industry, from the farmers and fisherfolk, chefs, cooks, restaurant servers, business owners, and culinary heritage advocates, to fully understand the whole landscape of our country's culinary heritage towards the goal of maximizing our natural abilities, creativity, talents in this field;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, that the Special Committee on Creative Industry and Performing Arts, as well as other appropriate committees of the House of Representative, be urged to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, to discuss the state of the Philippine Gastronomy and Culinary Heritage industries and other related industries, with the end view of better understanding the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that surround these industries towards the possibility of jumpstarting the economy using our country's creativity and innovation in the field of gastronomy and culinary heritage.

ADOPTED,

  
**HON. CHRISTOPHER V.P. DE  
VENECIA**