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Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Senate

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RESOLUTION NO. 158

RESOLUTION COMMENDING FRANCIS CASEY
"NIÑO" ALCANTARA FOR BEING THE FIRST
FILIPINO TO WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF
THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS
TOURNAMENT (JUNIOR BOYS DOUBLES)

WHEREAS, Francis Casey "Niño" Alcantara, 17 years old, from Cagayan de Oro City, competed in the Australian Open Tennis Championships (Junior Boys Doubles) held last January 19 to February 1, 2009;

WHEREAS, the Australian Open in one of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments held every January in Melbourne, Australia, attracting the top tennis players all over the world;

WHEREAS, Alcantara made the country proud when he became the first Filipino to win in a Grand Slam tennis tournament when he won the title for Junior Boys Doubles in said Australian Open;

WHEREAS, Alcantara paired with 17-year-old Cheng-Peng Hsieh of Taiwan and together, they demolished Mikhail Biryukov of Russia and Yasutaka Uchiyama of Japan, 6-4, 6-2 to win the abovementioned championship;

WHEREAS, Alcantara is the Philippines' top-ranked junior player and is now No. 20 in the world in the 18-and-under circuit;

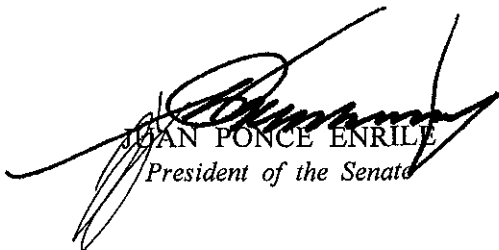
WHEREAS, Alcantara achieved this status even while being a full-time senior high school student at Xavier University, thus being the only junior player in the world's top 30 still in school;

WHEREAS, his hard work, dedication, discipline, and sportsmanship set a good example that is an inspiration for the Filipino people, especially the youth;


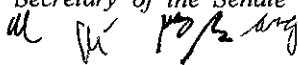
WHEREAS, this distinction that Alcantara brings home is a source of national pride and is an inspiration for our people and our nation, especially the youth: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, That the Senate of the Philippines commends Francis Casey "Niño" Alcantara for being the first Filipino to win the championship of the Australian Open Tennis Tournament (Junior Boys Doubles).

Adopted,


JUAN PONCE ENRILE
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 2, 2009.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate


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