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RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ALEXANDRA "ALEX" EALA FOR WINNING THE 2022 GIRLS' JUNIOR GRAND SLAM SINGLES CROWN OF THE US OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

WHEREAS, on 10 September 2022, Filipino top junior tennis player Alexandra "Alex" M. Eala prevailed over highly ranked opponents and emerged as the Philippines' first junior Grand Slam champion of the 2022 US Open at United States Tennis Association (USTA) Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York City;

WHEREAS, born in Quezon City to spouses Michael Eala and Rizza Maniego (who was a bronze medalist in the 100meter backstroke in the 1985 Southeast Asian Games), Alex Eala took up tennis as a youngster and began competing in tournaments before she was even a teenager. Even at her early years playing tennis, she already demonstrated immense talent and potential, which attracted talent scouts and eventually led to an invitation to train at the Rafa Nadal Academy in Manacor, Spain;

WHEREAS, in 2019, at just 14 years old, Alex Eala made her junior debut at the US Open and reached the second round of the tennis competition. Her victory at the 2020 Australian Open and the 2021 French Open doubles titles allowed her to be ranked as the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Juniors World No. 2;

WHEREAS, her triumph in the 2022 US Open is a result of her hard work, discipline, dedication, and perseverance, and as she perfectly puts it in her victory speech: "Buong puso ko itong pinaglaban. Hindi lang para sa sarili ko kundi para makatulong din ako sa kinabukasan ng Philippine tennis. So hindi lang ito panalo ko, panalo natin lahat.";

WHEREAS, her diligence, hard work, and dedication are inspiration for all our Filipino athletes aspiring to dominate the world stage. Her achievement at a young age will motivate our youth to participate and be active in sports;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate finds it fitting to pay tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their remarkable contribution which gained international recognition, thereby bringing glory and honor to our country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend and congratulate Alexandra "Alex" Eala for winning the 2022 Girls' Junior Grand Slam Singles Crown of the US Open Tennis Tournament.

Adopted, MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 12, 2022.

RENATO N. BANTUG Jr. Secretary of the Senate

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