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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EFREN PEÑAFLOIDA FOR**  
**WINNING AND BEING NAMED "2009 CNN HERO OF THE YEAR" FOR**  
**HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN BRINGING EDUCATION TO**  
**POOR STREET CHILDREN AND OUT OF SCHOOL YOUTH IN THE**  
**COUNTRY**

*WHEREAS*, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their astonishing feat of bringing home pride and glory to the country by excelling in their respective fields of endeavor;

*WHEREAS*, Efren Peñaflorida, who started a "pushcart classroom" in the Philippines to bring education to poor street children as an alternative to gang membership has been named the "**2009 CNN Hero of the Year**";

*WHEREAS*, Peñaflorida won over nine other "CNN hero nominees" worldwide, for pioneering a brand of mobile education through the use of "pushcart classroom" for urban poor youth;

*WHEREAS*, the CNN is the world's leading global 24-hour news network and one of the most respected and trusted sources of news and information. The CNN brand is available to two billion people via 18 CNN branded TV, internet and mobile services produced by CNN Worldwide, a division of Turner Broadcasting System Inc. and a Time Warner company. CNN International is the international directorate of CNN Worldwide and distributes news via 14 services in seven different languages. It can be seen in more than 249 million households and hotel rooms in over 200 countries and territories worldwide, including more than 36 million across the Asia Pacific region;

*WHEREAS*, the "**CNN Hero**" is a prestigious recognition which spotlights ordinary citizens around the world accomplishing extraordinary deeds;

*WHEREAS*, at 16 years old, Efren Peñaflorida decided to recruit three fellow high-school students to establish the Dynamic Teen Company (DTC) and do outreach work in the slums during weekends to teach younger kids and provide street children and out-of-school youth with access to alternative education;

*WHEREAS*, for the past 12 years, Peñaflorida and his team of teen volunteers have taught basic reading and writing to children living on the streets through the use of a "pushcart classroom". Stocked with books, pens, tables and chairs, his Dynamic Teen Company recreates a school setting in unconventional locations such as the cemetery and municipal trash dump;

**WHEREAS**, Efren Peñaflorida exudes the qualities of an everyday hero. His commitment to improve the standard of public secondary education in the country through alternative teaching approach and the delivery of free tutorial classes to high school and drop-out students have earned him the respect of his peers, community and the world at large;

**WHEREAS**, the exemplary performance displayed by Efren Peñaflorida has proven to the world that any individual can help make a difference in our society. With his "pushcart classroom" he has inspired several kids to take up a higher and better direction in life instead of joining or staying in gangs;

**WHEREAS**, this outstanding achievement by a Filipino volunteer worker deserved to be commended for the honor and recognition he has brought to our country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend Efren Peñaflorida for winning and being named "**2009 CNN Hero of the Year**" for his outstanding achievement in bringing education to poor street children and out of school youth in the country.

**Adopted,**



**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator