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**A RESOLUTION  
COMMENDING EFREN PEÑAFLORIDA FOR BEING CHOSEN AS THE 2009  
CNN HERO OF THE YEAR**

*Whereas*, the Philippine Senate always paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their astonishing achievements in giving pride and honor to the country;

*Whereas*, Efren Peñaflorida has been named by the Cable News Network (CNN), an internationally acclaimed news channel, as the "2009 Hero of the Year;"

*Whereas*, during the "CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute" held at the Kodak Theater in Hollywood on 21 November, Saturday night in the US, actress Eva Mendes announced Peñaflorida's win over nine other contenders from different countries;

*Whereas*, the 28-year old Caviteño teacher started the "Kariton Classroom" program which brought books to children in slums and on the streets, and the 10,000 members of his Dynamic Teen Company have brought reading, writing and hygiene to 1,500 youngsters;

*Whereas*, Peñaflorida's group was first recognized after it won the Bayaning Pilipino award for its heroic work in bringing education to poor children in Cavite. Presently, it has more than 10,000 volunteers who are now helping in educating more than 1,500 kids in depressed areas in the province;

*Whereas*, the pushcart classroom is now complete with teaching aids, blackboards and even folding tables and chairs to allow children to sit and read materials provided in a mini-library;

*Whereas*, in naming Efren Peñaflorida as the CNN Hero of the Year, the Philippines has once again been included in the roll of World heroes. Despite the economic crisis that the country is facing, we find ways of serving our countrymen;

*Whereas*, Efren Peñaflorida deserves highest commendation from this August Chamber;

*Be it resolved*, as it is hereby resolved, to commend Efren Peñaflorida for being chosen as the 2009 CNN Hero of the Year.

*Adopted*,



RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.