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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EFREN PEÑAFLORIDA FOR
BEING CHOSEN AS THE 2009 CNN HERO OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Efren Peñaflorida is the founder of the Dynamic Teen Company, a group of teen volunteers whose mission is to make significant difference on other people's lives, particularly on children in slum areas who have no access to education;

WHEREAS, Efren Penaflorida is already the recipient of numerous awards and citations because of his "Kariton Klassrooms", in which "pushcart classrooms" bring education to poor children who are vulnerable to violence brought by gangsters;

WHEREAS, Mr. Peñaflorida has been awarded the 2009 CNN Hero of the Year at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood on November 21, 2009 for his advocacy of bringing education to poor Filipino children;

WHEREAS, the state of education in the Philippines is such that there is a mere 0.2% improvement in the net enrolment ratio in primary education from 1990 to 2007, a mere 5.6% improvement in the rate of pupils who start Grade 1 and who eventually reach Grade 6;

WHEREAS, because of the Dynamic Teen Company which Peñaflorida founded, thousands of Filipino children have learned the basics of reading and writing, and continue to learn, helping to make up for the shortcomings of the country's education system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Senate congratulate and commend Efren Peñaflorida for being chosen as the 2009 CNN Hero of the Year;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be given to Efren Peñaflorida.


LOREN LEGARDA
Senator