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Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING ARNEL PINEDA, CHOSEN AS THE NEW LEAD SINGER OF THE WORLD-FAMOUS
AMERICAN ROCK BAND JOURNEY, FOR INSPIRING NATIONAL PRIDE AND PERSONIFYING
THE SUCCESS OF THE GLOBAL FILIPINO

WHEREAS, a Filipino by the name of Arnel Pineda, son of tailors from Olongapo and gifted with an amazing talent for music, was chosen as the new lead singer of the world-famous American rock band Journey;

WHEREAS, his mother who passed away when he was 12 years of age instilled in him the love for singing, entered him in singing competitions and motivated him to fulfill his dream of becoming a renowned singer ;

WHEREAS, after the passing of Arnel's mother, his family became heavily indebted and led him to the streets to fend for himself for years, collecting glass bottles, newspapers, and scrap metal and selling them to recycler;

WHEREAS, the hard and trying times pushed Arnel to pursue his dream so that at the age of 40, after singing with different bands in the Philippines and Hong Kong, he was discovered by the lead guitarist, Neal Schon, of Journey;

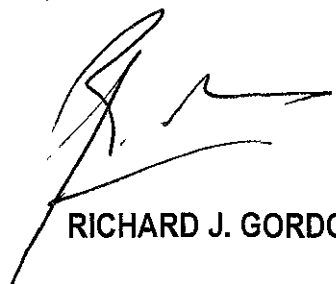
WHEREAS, Arnel debuted as the lead singer of Journey on February 21, 2008 at the Viña del Mar International Song Festival held at the Quinta Vergara Amphitheater in Viña del Mar, Chile;

WHEREAS, Journey's first album produced with Arnel as the lead singer, "Revelation," debuted at No. 5 in the Billboard Top 200 album charts in the week following its release and achieved platinum status by October 1, 2008;

WHEREAS, Arnel Pineda is an inspiration to many Filipinos, a man who triumphed not only in singing competitions, but against hardship and adversity, through hardwork and with full faith in his talents and capabilities; *Now, therefore, be it:*

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to commend Arnel Pineda, a Filipino, chosen as the new lead singer of the world-famous American rock band Journey, for inspiring national pride and personifying the success of the global Filipino.

Adopted,


RICHARD J. GORDON