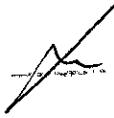


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Introduced by Senator Villar

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EFREN PEÑAFLORIDA, JR. AND THE DYNAMIC TEEN COMPANY (DTC) FOR BEING CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE TEN (10) CABLE NEWS NETWORK (CNN) HEROES OF THE YEAR, A STERLING TESTAMENT OF FILIPINOS' SELFLESS VOLUNTARISM AND TRUE SPIRIT OF "BAYANIHAN"

Whereas, Article XIV Section 2 (4) of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall "[e]ncourage non-formal, informal, and indigenous learning systems, as well as self-learning, independent, and out-of-school study programs particularly those that respond to community needs;

Whereas, Efren "Kuya Ef" Peñaflorida, Jr., together with three other friends, founded the DTC in 1997 which started as a friendship club that aimed to divert the attention of students from joining violent gangs and notorious fraternities that were thriving on the campus;

Whereas, in 1997 Efren Peñaflorida Jr., and one of the group's founder began to reach out to slum kids as 'Kuya Ef's' house is near the said dump site;

Whereas, despite lack of funds, the group managed to be self-supporting by showcasing the children-beneficiaries' talents in staged concerts and performances, and by selling old newspapers, bottles, and recycled products;

Whereas, from its humble beginnings, it was able to launch several projects such as the "Kalingain Batang Mahirap," Kariton, Klasrum, at Klinik (K3), "We are Change," "Balik Skwela," Hygiene and Medical Mission, Interactive Support Group, "Likhang Awit Kabataan Para sa Bayan," "Pangarap na Pasko," and Treat D' Street Kids;

Whereas, DTC started with only 20 members and now DTC has grown to a 10,000 member group;

Whereas, Peñaflorida, together with the DTC's 10,000 members, has already reached out to thousands of kids and has taught basic reading and writing to 1,500 kids living in the slums;


Whereas, sometime in April of this year, CNN featured Efren Peñaflorida, Jr. as a "CNN Hero" for his philanthropy especially to the kids in the slum areas;

Whereas, from the 9,000 submissions for the award of CNN modern day heroes for the whole year, Efren Peñaflorida was chosen to be one of 10 CNN Heroes of the year;

Whereas, considering his outstanding achievement in which even the international community has recognized, 'Kuya Ef' likewise deserves to be recognized and commended by his own country. Now therefore be it

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate to congratulate and commend Efren Peñaflorida, Jr. and the Dynamic Teen Company (DTC) for being chosen as one of the 10 Cable News Network (CNN) Heroes of the year, a sterling testament of Filipinos' selfless voluntarism and true spirit of "bayanihan".

Adopted,


MANNY B. VILLAR