

SENATE

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Introduced by **SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO**

**A RESOLUTION
COMMENDING EFREN PEÑAFLORIDA, JR. FOR BEING NAMED 2009 CNN
HERO OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Efren Peñaflorida, Jr. or "Kuya F," is a 28-year old public school teacher who grew up in the slums of Cavite City;

WHEREAS, armed with the firm belief that education is the key to success, Peñaflorida, together three of his high school classmates, created the Dynamic Teen Company (DTC) in 1997 in order to provide the urban youth an opportunity for a better future and alternatives to joining violent gangs and notorious fraternities;

WHEREAS, with limited financial means to achieve this goal, Peñaflorida was compelled to develop an ingenious one-of-a-kind mobile education system wherein pushcarts or "karitons" were stocked with books, pens, tables and chairs resulting in a unique academic approach of bringing the classrooms to the children;

WHEREAS, Peñaflorida and his team, which now numbers 10,000, continue to impart the basics of counting, reading and writing to thousands of children ranging from ages 2 to 14 through unorthodox methods, setting up makeshift classrooms in unusual locations such as dump sites and cemeteries;

WHEREAS, Peñaflorida's selfless service has earned him the 2009 CNN Hero of the Year award, bringing honor and recognition to the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Kuya Ef's laudable award is a testament to his exceptional spirit, passionate acts of volunteerism and noble public service;

WHEREAS, Efren Peñaflorida Jr., is a model citizen who every Filipino should emulate in "serving, serving well, serving others above yourself and being happy to serve."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines commend Efren Peñaflorida, Jr. for being named 2009 CNN Hero of the Year thereby bringing honor and glory to the country.

Adopted,


PIA S. CAYETANO
Senator