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SENATE
P.S. RES. NO. 1499

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Introduced by Senator Manny B. Villar

RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT OF EFREN PEÑAFLOIDA, JR.
AND THE DYNAMIC TEEN COMPANY (DTC) FOR BAGGING THE CABLE NEWS
NETWORK (CNN) 2009 HERO OF THE YEAR AWARD

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, the members of the Senate have been following the philanthropic works of Efren "Kuya Ef" Peñaflorida and the Dynamic Teen Company (DTC) as seen in several Senate Resolutions filed to give recognition for his works;

Whereas, Efren "Kuya Ef" Peñaflorida, Jr. and the DTC were first recognized by the Cable News Network (CNN) last April of this year where he and his team was named as a CNN modern day hero from among the 9,000 nominations from over 100 countries;

Whereas, the Blue Ribbon Panel of CNN sifted through the nominees and soon narrowed its choices to 28, and then to its top 10 finalists for its Hero of the Year;

Whereas, Efren "Kuya Ef" Peñaflorida, Jr., bested all the other 9 nominees from different countries by garnering 2.75 million online votes thus bagging the most coveted "2009 CNN Hero of the year" award and winning him \$100,000 cash prize;

Whereas, "CNN Heroes" is a program of CNN wherein unheralded heroes who has shown exceptional achievement in service to the people are given recognition;

Whereas, Efren Peñaflorida won the hearts of the voters for his innovative effort in educating poor children through the use of "pushcart classrooms" or "Kariton Classrooms";

Whereas, Efren Peñaflorida is a true epitome of a public servant as his lone acts were easily replicated a thousand times with minimal funding and he was able to reach and educate 1,500 kids living in the depressed areas;

Whereas, Efren Peñaflorida shows that "one can be a hero to the next one in need," and that we should not blindly wait for a change from someone else as we "can be the change that [we] dream and collectively we are the change that the world needs";

Whereas, considering his exemplary achievement and him showing that any ordinary person can be an element of change "Kuya Ef" deserves the highest recognition from his own land. Now therefore be it

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate to recognize the exemplary achievement of Efren Peñaflorida, Jr. and the Dynamic Teen Company (DTC) for bagging the Cable News Network (CNN) 2009 Hero of the Year Award.

Adopted,



MANNY B. VILLAR