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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO POOL LEGEND EFREN "THE MAGICIAN" REYES FOR BEING NAMED PLAYER OF THE DECADE, ALONG WITH ALLISON FISHER, BY THE UNITED STATES BILLIARD MEDIA ASSOCIATION ON 2 FEBRUARY 2010 IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for bringing home pride and glory to the country by becoming champions in the international arena;

WHEREAS, Filipino pool legend Efren "Bata" Reyes made the country proud when he was hailed by the United States Billiard Media Association as one of the two Players of the Decade along with English pool player Allison Fisher on 2 February 2010 in Chicago, Illinois.

WHEREAS, the 55-year old cue artist Efren "Bata" Reyes won more than 20 major men's professional pool titles during the decade, starting with his \$30,000 Camel Pro 8-Ball Championship win in 2000 and of his 22 major victories, he won four one-pocket crowns, four 8-ball titles and 14 9-ball titles;

WHEREAS, "The Magician" also won the Derby City All-Around title five times, but it was during the short-lived International Pool Tour that Efren "Bata" Reyes scored his biggest wins, besting the 2005 International Pool Tour King of the Hill and 2006 the International Pool Tour North American Open pocketing a total of \$765,000 in prize money;

WHEREAS, Efren "Bata" Reyes became the first Asian to be inducted into the Billiard Congress of America's Hall of Fame in 2003 and the first player in the World Pool-Billiard Association history to win two world championships in different disciplines of the sport;

WHEREAS, in 2010, Efren "Bata" Reyes clinched his 5th title in the 12th annual Derby City Classic, making him the most successful player by far in the tournament's history;

WHEREAS, by earning the distinction as Player of the Decade, Efren "Bata" Reyes made our country proud and has shown the world the spirit of Filipino excellence;

WHEREAS, this honor brought by our Filipino pool legend deserves to be commended for the pride and recognition he brought our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Filipino pool legend Efren "The Magician" Reyes for being named Player of the Decade, along with Allison Fisher, by the United States Billiard Media Association on 2 February 2010 in Chicago, Illinois.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator 