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RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND COMMENDING THE ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS, PHILANTROPHY AND EDUCATION ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN OF MR. ALLAN "apl.de.ap" PINEDA

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines, on several occasions, has recognized and extended accolades to outstanding Filipinos for achieving international renown in the field of music and the arts while extolling the Filipino virtues of perseverance, resilience and hardwork;

WHEREAS, among such Filipino artists is a member of the group, "Black Eyed Peas", Mr. Allan "apl.de.ap" Pineda, who had infused elements of the Filipino culture in his various acts and performances that earned critical international acclaim;

WHEREAS, on account of his fame, good fortune and kind heart, Mr. Pineda has been an active ambassador and partner in the promotion of education in the Philippines, particularly among the children and underprivileged;

WHEREAS, in 2012, Mr. Pineda was among the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) awardees of the Philippines recognized by the Junior Chamber International-Philippines, Inc., the Gerry Roxas Foundation, Inc. and the TOYM Foundation, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the recognition conferred to Mr. Pineda as one of the 2012 TOYM awardees was anchored not only on his achievements in the international music scene; more importantly, the distinction was given on account of the establishment of the "apl.de.ap" Foundation, a socio-civic minded organization committed to improving the welfare of Filipino children as well as the formation of Jeepney Music, Inc., a company organized to provide opportunities to emerging Filipino artists;

WHEREAS, through these organizations, Mr. Pineda has progressed his efforts to extend the opportunities of basic and higher education to a greater number of underprivileged but deserving youth in our country; in close cooperation with similarly-minded organizations like the Ninoy and Cory Aquino Foundation, Ayala Foundation, Inc., the Philippine Development Foundation and the 57-55 Movement for Educational Reform, Mr. Pineda has committed to help close the classroom-student gap in the country thru the "Bayanihang Pampaaralan" initiative; establish a mentoring program; and put up an endowment fund for the benefit of deserving students;

WHEREAS, on account of his accomplishments, Mr. Pineda stands not only as an example of professional success borne out of hardwork and perseverance but also a model for social consciousness and nationalism that our fellow Filipinos should emulate; *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines acknowledge and commend the artistic achievements, philanthropy and education advocacy campaign of Mr. Allan "apl.de.ap" Pineda, who has been an effective ambassador of music and the arts, as well as a paragon of professional success, social consciousness and nationalism.

Adopted,

FRANKLIN M. DRILON