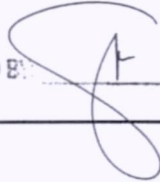


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RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING TABLE TENNIS PRODIGY ALJAY VILLENA FOR QUALIFYING IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF PING PONG (WCPP) TO BE HELD AT ALEXANDRIA PALACE, LONDON ON JANUARY 25-26, 2020

1 WHEREAS, the World Championship of Ping Pong (WCPP) – founded in 2011 –
2 is a prestigious ping pong tournament organized by Matchroom Sport, participated by
3 64 players around the world, and is broadcasted to millions of viewers via Facebook
4 and Sky Sports in the United Kingdom and Ireland;

5 WHEREAS, next year's WCPP, which has been distinguished for its use of "old-
6 fashioned wooden paddles" covered with sandpaper, will be held on January 25-26,
7 2020 at the iconic Alexandra Palace in London for the seventh (7th) time;

8 WHEREAS, 12-year old table tennis prodigy and Nueva Ecija native Aljay
9 Villena, who also participated in the 2018 WCPP, will once again represent the
10 Philippines during the 9th iteration of the tournament and compete with other much
11 older table tennis players in the hopes of bagging the championship;

12 WHEREAS, Villena, who has already gained a considerable following after being
13 featured in viral video of him holding his own against a much older Gilles Hebert of
14 Belgium, qualified for the WCPP after winning the 2019 Open Ping Pong National
15 Tournament held in Pampanga on September 13-15, 2019. In fact, of the more than
16 120 athletes who participated in qualifying tournament, Villena was the youngest;

17 WHEREAS, Villena, who also garnered a silver medal in the recently concluded
18 2019 National Batang Pinoy Tournament in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, will aim to
19 be the first Filipino to win the WCPP and surpass Filipino Ernesto "Jonjon" Ebuena Jr.

1 who competed in the WCPP Finals in 2011 but unfortunately lost to Russian Maxim
2 Shmyrev;

3 WHEREAS, while the nation is anticipating the outcome of the upcoming WCPP,
4 Villena's accomplishments at present has already brought pride and honor to the
5 country. In addition, Villena's story can be viewed as proof that – with the right
6 guidance and support – young athletes can make a name in the world's stage and
7 further the country's renown in the global sports scene;

8 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines
9 commend and congratulate 12-year old table tennis prodigy Aljay Villena for qualifying
10 in the World Championship of Ping Pong (WCPP) to be held at Alexandria Palace,
11 London on January 25-26, 2019.

12 Adopted,



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