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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EFREN "BATA" REYES FOR HIS
INDUCTION INTO THE WORLD BILLIARDS HALL OF FAME HELD IN
YUSHAN, CHINA

WHEREAS, the Senate has, on several occasions, given recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their contribution in showcasing our nation's promising potential in the various fields and disciplines of Sports as well as for bringing pride and honor to the country through global recognition;

WHEREAS, Efren "Bata" Reyes, also known as "The Magician", is a Filipino professional pool player who has won in over a hundred professional tournaments worldwide. He is also the first man in history to claim World Championships in two different disciplines;

WHEREAS, on 17 March 2024, the inaugural ceremony of the World Billiards Hall of Fame was held at the newly opened World Billiards Museum in Yushan, China;

WHEREAS, during that event, Reyes has once again reaffirmed his status as one of the greatest, most influential, and most popular figures in pool history. Reyes was one of the five individuals honored to be inducted in the "Greatest Players" category;

WHEREAS, along with Reyes were outstanding group of inductees, including Chinese snooker star Ding Junhui, who was recognized for making the sport popular in Asia; Ronnie O'Sullivan, seven-time world champion; Raymond Ceuleman, Belgium's

carom legend; Allison Fisher, female veteran cue master; and the late Andre Gagnaux, carom legend and former president of World Billiard Union;

WHEREAS, A winner of over 100 international titles, Reyes was the first player to win the WPA World Championships in two different pool disciplines. Among his numerous titles, Reyes is a WPA World Nine-ball Champion and WPA World Eight-ball Champion, a U.S. Open Nine-ball Championship winner, a four-time Sands Regency Nine-ball Open winner, a four-time All Japan Championship winner, a seven-time WPA Asian Nine-ball Tour Champion, and a record thirteen-time Derby City Classic winner;


WHEREAS, on 2003, Reyes became the first Asian to be inducted into the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the One Pocket Hall of Fame in 2004;

WHEREAS, Reyes' lifelong dedication to the sport of pool has not only brought our country glory, but also provided inspiration to our countrymen in showing that Filipinos can compete and excel in the international field;

WHEREAS, the recognition of the Efren "Bata" Reyes deserves the highest praise and commendation for bringing pride and inspiration to the Filipino people and for showing to the world the unrelenting spirit of Filipino sports excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend the Efren "Bata" Reyes for his induction into the World Billiards Hall of Fame held in Yushan, China.

Adopted,


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Senator