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Introduced by Sen. Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING FILIPINO BILLIARDS DUO EFREN "BATA" REYES AND FRANCISCO "DJANGO" BUSTAMANTE FOR WINNING THE WORLD CUP OF POOL HELD FROM AUGUST 22 TO 27, 2006 AT THE NEWPORT CENTRE IN NEWPORT, SOUTH WALES IN GREAT BRITAIN

WHEREAS, The PartyPoker.com World Cup of Pool is the biggest pool event to be held in Britain since the 2003 World Pool Championships, wherein a total of 32 billiards teams representing 31 countries participated in this inaugural tournament in Newport Center, South Wales;

WHEREAS, former world cue players champions in the likes of Earl Strickland, Mika Immonen, Efren Reyes, Francisco Bustamante, Oliver Ortmann, Ronnie O'Sullivan and Steve Davis are among the participants of the six-day scotch doubles 9 ball billiards tournament;

WHEREAS, the top-seeded pair of Efren Reyes and Francisco Bustamante captured the championship trophy and top prize of \$60,000 with a convincing 13-5 victory over team USA;

WHEREAS, the Filipino cue players' display of mental strength and relentless determination throughout the tournament made them the crowd's favorite to win over their American rivals during the finals at the Newport Centre;

WHEREAS, the triumphs of Reyes and Bustamante in various international pool competitions have elevated Philippine pool into the major league;

WHEREAS, time and again, the world-renowned pair of Efren Reyes and Francisco Bustamante, together with other Filipino cue masters, have proven that Filipinos are indeed the world's best billiards players.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to extend its congratulations to Filipino billiards duo Efren "Bata" Reyes and Francisco "Django" Bustamante for winning the World Cup of Pool held from August 22 to 27, 2006 at the Newport Centre in Newport, South Wales in Great Britain.

Adopted,



MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator