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Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING EFREN "BATA" REYES, THE
PEOPLE'S CHAMPION, FOR HIS SKILL AND DETERMINATION
THAT LED TO HIS VICTORY IN THE INTERNATIONAL POOL
TOUR 2006 WORLD OPEN 8-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Whereas, he recently won the biggest prize money in the history of billiards for the International Pool Tour 2006 World Open 8-Ball Championship in Reno, Nevada on September 10, 2006, two weeks after sharing the victory for the World Cup of Pool together with another excellent Filipino billiards player, Francisco "Django" Bustamante;

Whereas, Efren "Bata" Reyes came from humble beginnings and his skill in billiards was honed while working for his uncle's pool house in Angeles City, where he also lived, sleeping on top of the billiard tables;

Whereas, his climb to success was made through hard work and determination in honing his playing skills;

Whereas, he has won the world's most prestigious pool tournaments in the world including the 2001 and 2001 World Pool Leagues and won a gold medal for the country for snooker in the South East Asian Games of 1987, bringing fame and glory to the country;

Whereas, he was inducted to the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame on July 12, 2003, making him the first Filipino and the first Asian to join this roster of excellence;

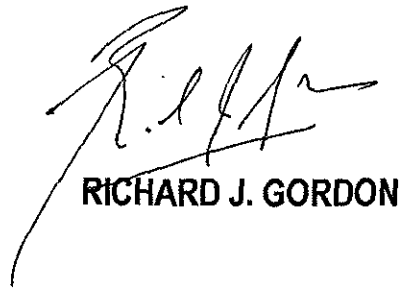
Whereas, he has been offered several times to endorse foreign cue sticks for significant amounts of money, but he has consistently refused to do so because he only uses local cue sticks from his province of Pampanga;

Whereas, despite his fame and wealth, he has remained soft-spoken and humble, committed to his sport, his family and helping his community, exemplifying the best in the character of the Filipino;

Whereas, his excellence and attitude has earned the love of his countrymen and the respect of his colleagues, making him truly a People's Champion;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to commend Efren "Bata" Reyes, the People's Champion, for his skill and determination that led to his victory in the International Pool Tour 2006 World Open 8-ball Championship.

Adopted,



RICHARD J. GORDON