


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Introduced by Sen. Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS AND BESTOWING HONOR TO RONNIE "CALAMBA" ALCANO OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR WINNING THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY IN THE PRESTIGIOUS 2006 WORLD POOL CHAMPIONSHIP (WPC) HELD IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES ON NOVEMBER 4-12, 2006

WHEREAS, the World Pool Championship, organized annually in various parts of the globe by one of the world's largest international sports promotion agency "Matchroom Sports" based in United Kingdom, staged its 2006 edition of the world tour at the Philippine International Convention Center, Manila, Philippines from November 4 to 12, 2006;

WHEREAS, the 2006 World Pool Championship, broadcasted live internationally through cable network ESPN Sports, was participated in by a total of 128 finest pool players from 42 nations around the globe to include highly acclaimed cue players in the persons of Wu-Chia-ching (TAIPEI), Efren Reyes (PHI), Thorsten Hohmann (GER), Alex Pagulayan (PHI), Marlon Manalo (PHI), Ralf Souquet (GER), Johnny Archer (USA), Thomas Engert (GER), Francisco Bustamante (PHI), Mika Immonen (FIN), Marcus Chamat (SWE), Nick van den Berg (NED), Chao Fong-pang (TAIPEI), Steve Davis (ENG) and Earl Strickland (USA) among others;

WHEREAS, Ronnie Alcano, a 34 year old native of Calamba, Laguna who earned for himself local and international titles in his career such as the 2005 Asian Tour Philippines Champion and 2003 Joss Northeast Tour Rookie Of The Year, entered the 2006 WPC as one of the unseeded players of the Philippine contingent in the tournament;

WHEREAS, during the entire stages of the elimination rounds, Alcano exhibited his exemplary skills and talent in the sports by defeating in convincing margins most of his rivals including his highlight matches against compatriot and 2006 World Cup of Pool winner Efren "Bata" Reyes in the last 32 and no less than the 2005 World Pool Championship defending champion Wu Chia-ching of Taipei in the quarter finals which eventually delivered him into the finals;

WHEREAS, Alcano who only ranked no. 29 in the world by the "World Pool-Billiards Association", made his countrymen proud by capturing the 2006 World Pool Championship by defeating in the final match the world's top ranking pool player and 1996 WPC Champion Ralf Souquet of Germany with a score of 17-11, before the very presence of his countrymen, who have aspired since the start of the week long tournament, for the Philippines to reclaim the WPC crown last won by a Filipino in 1999 in Cardiff, Wales;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to extend its congratulations and bestow honor to Ronnie "Calamba" Alcano of the Philippines for winning the overall championship trophy in the prestigious 2006 World Pool Championship (WPC) held in Manila, Philippines on November 4-12, 2006.

Approved.


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator 