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## RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALEX PAGULAYAN FOR SHOWING TO THE WHOLE WORLD THE GREATNESS OF THE FILIPINO TALENT IN WINNING THE GUINNESS 9 BALL TOUR 2008

WHEREAS, 2004 World Pool champion Alex Pagulayan ended the Chinese Taipei stranglehold of the Guinness 9 Ball Tour 2008 as he defeated a fellow Filipino in the finals of the Singapore leg of the Guinness 9 Ball Tour 2008 at Velocity@Novena Square;

WHEREAS, Pagulayan, also known as "The Lion" and "The Killer Pixie", became the first to be officially proclaimed as Filipino Guinness 9-ball pool champion under the title sponsor of Guinness and Pagulayan's victory gave the Philippines a 13-12 advantage over Chinese Taipei in the number of titles won since the Tour started in 2003;

WHEREAS, the Guinness 9-Ball Tour is the only ranking tour in Asia for players to qualify for the WPA World Pool Championship and the top ten finishers in the Tour's Order of Merit will automatically earn a slot for pool's most prestigious event, the 2007 WPA 9-Ball Championship;

WHEREAS, sanctioned by the Asian Professional Billards Union (APBU), the event will also have players from Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Vietnam, Korea, Japan, Thailand, India and China;

WHEREAS, Pagulayan, (born 1978) hails from Cabagan, Isabela, Philippines and was raised in Toronto, Canada. In 2004, Pagulayan returned to the Philippines;

WHEREAS, his recent victory adds to a long list that now includes the 2004 World Pool Championship, the 2005 US Open Championship, three gold medals in the December 2005 SEA Games, 2006 BSCP National Pool Championship and the 2008 PartyPoker.net World Pool Masters:

WHEREAS, Pagulayan has done the nation proud and have shown the world the Filipinos' capacity to excel;

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, to commend Alex Pagulayan for showing to the whole world the greatness of the Filipino Talent in winning the Guinness 9 Ball Tour 2008 and for contributing to the pride and honor of the global Filipino.

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