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RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALEX PAGULAYAN FOR BEING THE 2008 PARTYPOKER.NET WORLD POOL MASTERS CHAMPION

WHEREAS, world-class billiard players from around the globe came to Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada to compete for the PartyPoker.net World Pool Masters;

WHEREAS, Alejandro (Alex) Salvador Pagulayan captured the 2008 PartyPoker.net World Pool Masters on 12 May 2008, with a scintillating 8-6 win over Finland's Mika Immonen;

WHEREAS, Pagulayan, down 3-6, recovered from this deficit when Immonen committed an illegal break, by taking five straight racks to eventually clinch the crown; WHEREAS, Pagulayan, also known as "The Lion" and "The Killer Pixie", has made it through the final of the PartyPoker.net World Pool Masters for the second time in three (3) years;

WHEREAS, Pagulayan a Filipino-Canadian, was born in 1978 in Cabagan, Isabela, Philippines and was raised in Toronto, Canada, and it was in 2004 when Pagulayan returned to the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Pagulayan's parents emigrated to Canada when he was thirteen (13) years old, and his exposure to the game came early because his father managed a pool hall;

WHEREAS, he is known for his relaxed demeanor during competition, and is a crowd favorite, well-liked because of his comedic interaction with the audience;

WHEREAS, the following are among his achievements:

- 2007 World Summit of Pool Champion
- 2006 Philippine National Championship
- 2005 Philippine Snooker Team Gold Medal, SEA Games
- 2005 US Open Nine-ball Championship
- 2005 Derby City Classic Ten-ball Ring Game Champion
- 2005 SML Entertainment Nine-ball Champion
- 2004 WPA World Nine-ball Championship
- 2003 Joss Tour Grand Final Winner
- 2003 Carolinas Open Nine-ball Division, Goldsboro, North Carolina
- 2003 IBC Western Canadian Open
- 2002 World Pool Trickshot Champion

WHEREAS, Pagulayan has done the nation proud and have shown the world the Filipinos' capacity to excel: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend Alex Pagulayan for being the 2008 PartyPoker.net World Pool Masters Champion and for contributing to the pride and honor of the global Filipino.

Adopted,

MANNY VILLAR President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2008.

EMMA LIRIO-REYES Secretary of the Senate