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Resolution No. 99

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 by defeating 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 the Filipino Guinness 9-ball pool champion under the title sponsor of Guinness and his 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 2008 WPA 9-Ball Championship;

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

WHEREAS, Pagulayan, born in 1978 in Cabagan, Isabela, Philippines, was raised in Toronto, Canada and returned to the Philippines in 2004;

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 has 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 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.

Adopted,

MANNY VILLAR

President of the Senate

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

EMMA LIRIO-REYES

Secretary of the Sepate