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Introduced by **SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO**

A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING FRANCIS CASEY "NIÑO" ALCANTARA FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT (JUNIORS BOYS DOUBLES)

WHEREAS, Francis Casey "Niño" Alcantara, 17 years old, from Cagayan de Oro City, competed in the Australian Open Tennis Championships (Junior Boys Doubles) held last January 19 to February 1, 2009;

WHEREAS, the Australian Open is one of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments held every January in Melbourne, Australia, attracting the top tennis players all over the world;

WHEREAS, Alcantara made the country proud when he became the first Filipino to win a Grand Slam tennis tournament when he won the title for the Junior Boys Doubles in said Australian Open;

WHEREAS, Alcantara paired with 17-year-old Cheng-Peng Hsieh of Taiwan and together, they demolished Mikhail Biryukov of Russia and Yasutaka Uchiyama of Japan, 6-4, 6-2 to win the above-mentioned championship;

WHEREAS, Alcantara is the Philippines' top-ranked junior player and is now No. 20 in the world in the 18-and-under circuit;

WHEREAS, Alcantara achieved this status even while being a full-time senior high school student in Xavier University, thus being the only junior player in the world's top 30 still in school;

WHEREAS, his hard work, dedication, discipline, and sportsmanship sets a good example and is an inspiration for the Filipino people, especially the youth;

WHEREAS, this distinction that Alcantara brings home is a source of national pride and inspiration for our people and our nation, especially the youth.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that that the Senate of the Philippines commend Francis Casey "Niño" Alcantara for being the first Filipino to win the championship of the Australian Open Tennis Tournament (Junior Boys Doubles).

Adopted,

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Senator