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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ALEXANDRA M. EALA FOR WINNING AND DOMINATING THE JUNIOR GIRLS' SINGLES FINAL OF THE 2022 US OPEN HELD IN NEW YORK CITY, USA

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| 1 | WHEREAS, on September 10, 2022, Filipino top junior tennis player Alexandra |
| 2 | "Alex" M. Eala, after defeating French Open girls champion and World No. 3 Lucie |
| 3 | Havlickova of the Czech Republic, emerged as the Philippine's first junior Grand Slam |
| 4 | champion of the 2022 US Open at United States Tennis Association (USTA) Billie |
| 5 | Jean King National Tennis Center in New York City; |
| 6 | WHEREAS, the US Open which started in 1974 and held annually from then |
| 7 | had already produced 48 champions including Eala, the only Filipino in the list; |
| 8 | WHEREAS, with outstanding skill, 17-year-old Eala toppled Czech Havlickova |
| 9 | and ended the match with a straight 6-2, 6-4; |
| 10 | WHEREAS, Eala with her first girls singles conquest, has now three junior |
| 11 | Grand Slam titles, two of which were the girls doubles events in the 2020 Australian |
| 12 | Open and the 2020 French Open; |
| 13 | WHEREAS, the US Open was Eala's first junior tournament since the Orange |
| 14 | Bowl in Florida in December 2021; |
| 15 | WHEREAS, Eala made history for the Philippines after winning the title for the |
| 16 | first time in the US Open. She also became the first Filipino to both compete and win |
| 17 | a WTA main draw match when she won over Argentina's Paula Ormaechea at Cluj- |
| 18 | Napoca in August 2021; |
| 19 | WHEREAS, at present, Eala is the Philippines' highest-ranking player on the |
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Women's Tennis Association (WTA) and 288th in the world;

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WHEREAS, Alex Eala started training at the early age of four. Two years later, she then joined her first local competition and then made a debut in the international stage at the age of eight. When she was fourteen, Eala was already able to secure the 13th spot in the International Tennis Federation World Junior Rankings (18 years old and below). She was only thirteen when she was offered a scholarship at the Rafa Nadal Academy in Mallorca, Spain¹;

WHEREAS, her diligence, hard work, and dedication are inspiration for all our Filipino athletes aspiring to dominate the world stage. Her achievement at a young age will motivate our youth to participate and be active in sports;

WHEREAS, Eala's historical victory in the US Open deserves commendation for the glory, honor, and pride she has brought to the country;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend Alexandra M. Eala for winning and dominating the Junior girls' singles final of the 2022 US Open held in New York City, USA.

Adopted,

SONNY ANGARA

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¹ https://www.spin.ph/life/guide/tennis-prodigy-alex-eala-profile-a2442-20191029