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RESOLUTION NO. 66

RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. FELICIANO
JAIME ATIENZA FOR WINNING THE NEW
YORK TIMES 2008 ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS
OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) TEACHER OF
THE YEAR AWARD

WHEREAS, on 28 March 2008, *The New York Times* announced the names of the winner and four (4) honorees for the 2008 English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Teachers of the Year Program;

WHEREAS, Mr Feliciano Jaime Atienza, known to everyone as "Chito," was declared as the winner of this year's award, and along with the four (4) honorees, he was recognized at a special ceremony presented at The Times on 31 March 2008;

WHEREAS, now on its second year, the program recognizes ESOL instructors who have consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty to help students learn English and develop the skills needed to create successful new lives in the United States;

WHEREAS, all ESOL teachers who provide instruction to adult students in New York City were eligible for consideration and they were nominated by students, teaching colleagues and administrators;

WHEREAS, the winner and four (4) honorees were chosen by a selection committee of distinguished ESOL advocates from The New York Public Library, Queens Library, City University of New York, Brooklyn Public Library and the Mayor's Office of Adult Education;

WHEREAS, Mr. Atienza is a Filipino immigrant and a career Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) professional in New York City;

WHEREAS, he has been an ESOL practitioner with the YMCA International, ELES AIR Project for twenty-two (22) years and the Queens Library for ten (10) years;

WHEREAS, Mr. Atienza received his ESL/CO teacher training at the Southeast Asian Refugee Program in the Philippines, a joint project of the UNHCR, ICMC and funded by the US State Department;

WHEREAS, Mr Atienza has been described as a compassionate professional whose classroom is characterized by a healing and empowering concept of "skinship" and trust;

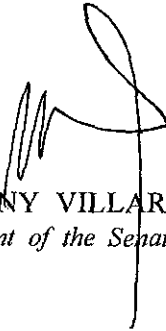
WHEREAS, he possesses a cheerful "can-do" attitude and time-tested skills as a teacher, teacher trainer, mentor, test-giver and facilitator in the following areas: Diversity and Conflict Management in the ESOL Classroom; Literacy Teacher Training and Cultural Orientation; ESOL Testing and Evaluation; Language Program Development and Implementation; and UNHCR/ICMC Southeast Asian Refugee ESL/CO Programs;

WHEREAS, the sponsor of the award, The New York Times Company, is a leading media company and publisher of *The New York Times*, the *International Herald Tribune*,

The Boston Globe, fifteen (15) other daily newspapers, WQXR-FM and hosts more than fifty (50) web sites, including *NYTimes.com*; *Boston.com* and *About.com*: Now, therefore, be it


Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend Mr. Feliciano Jaime Atienza for winning the New York Times 2008 English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Teacher of the Year Award 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 April 30, 2008.



EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate

