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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1510

Introduced by KABATAAN PARTY-LIST REP. RAYMOND V. PALATINO

A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING EFREN PEÑAFLORIDA FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2009 HERO OF THE YEAR BY THE CABLE NEWS NETWORK (CNN) LAST NOVEMBER 21, 2009

WHEREAS, CNN Heroes is a much-anticipated and much-respected annual television special created by CNN to honor individuals who make extraordinary contributions to help others in their respective communities;

WHEREAS, Hero of the Year is a prestigious honor and recognition given by CNN as part of its CNN Heroes special to the individual who had inspired the most number of people and had received the most number of votes through online voting;

WHEREAS, Efren Peñaflorida is a 28-year old social worker from Cavite who established Dynamic Teen Company, a group of volunteer educators who recreate school settings in unconventional locations such as the cemetery and trash dump through pushcarts filled with books and other educational materials in order to reach out and mentor ertswihle teenage gang members, drug addicts and dropouts;

WHEREAS, Peñaflorida and the Dynamic Teen Company has, since 1997, seen more than 10,000 volunteers helping educate more than 1,500 kids in depressed areas in Cavite;

WHEREAS, for Peñaflorida's selfless dedication in helping hundreds of children and teenagers through alternative education and for receiving the most number of votes in online voting, he has been honored as the 2009 Hero of the Year in a grand Thanksgiving dinner hosted by CNN, to be televised worldwide on November 27, 2009;

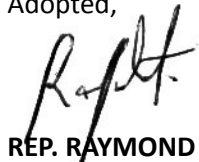
WHEREAS, in his acceptance speech, Peñaflorida humbly called on everyone to find the hidden hero within each other and to be the hero to those in need;

WHEREAS, in a country plagued with social crises and severe deficiencies in social services like education, the need for heroes and volunteers like Peñaflorida are highlighted;

WHEREAS, through commendation of Peñaflorida's recognition, it is hoped that he will continue to inspire the millions of young Filipinos to actively participate in nation-building and take a stand in effecting genuine changes in society;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives commend Efren Peñaflorida for being recognized as the 2009 Hero of the Year by the Cable News Network (CNN) last November 21, 2009.

Adopted,



REP. RAYMOND V. PALATINO
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