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RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EFREN "BATA" REYES FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE WORLD BILLIARDS HALL OF FAME HELD IN YUSHAN, CHINA ON MARCH 17, 2024

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WHEREAS, the City of Manila takes pride in recognizing and honoring exceptional Filipinos who have significantly contributed to sports and elevated the nation's stature on the global stage;

WHEREAS, Efren "Bata" Reyes, also known as "The Magician," was born in Pampanga in 1954 and moved to Manila with his family at the age of 5. He began his journey in cue sports as a billiards attendant at his uncle's billiards hall where he learned to play standing on soft drink cases due to his height and where, at times, the pool table served as his bed at night;

WHEREAS, he was nicknamed "bata" meaning "kid" in Filipino, to distinguish him from another older pool player also named Efren, and under this moniker, he would rise to become a revered figure in the world of pool;

WHEREAS, his induction in the World Billiards Hall of Fame saw him honored among the inaugural group of inductees in the "Greatest Players" category, solidifying his status as a leading and transformative figure in the world of pool;

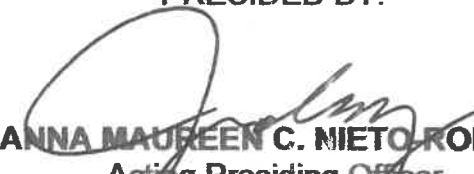
WHEREAS, the inductees' illustrious career was highlighted by his titles as follows: multiple-time WPA World Nine-ball and Eight-ball Champion, a U.S. Open Nine-ball Champion, Sands Regency Nine-ball Open champion, All Japan Championship winner, WPA Asian Nine-ball Tour Champion, and a record thirteen-time Derby City Classic champion;

WHEREAS, Efren Reyes' lifelong dedication to the sport of pool has not only garnered international accolades but has also served as an inspiration to countless Filipinos, encouraging them to strive for excellence in the international sporting arena;

WHEREAS, the outstanding achievements and the inspirational career of Efren "Bata" Reyes deserve the highest commendation for bringing honor and pride to the Filipino people, and for exemplifying the unyielding spirit of Filipino athletic prowess: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to congratulate and commend, as it hereby congratulates and commends Efren "Bata" Reyes for his induction into the World Billiards Hall of Fame held in Yushan, China on March 17, 2024.

PRESIDED BY:


JOHANNA MAUREEN C. NIETO-RODRIGUEZ
Acting Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on May 14, 2024.

ATTESTED:


LUCH R. GEMPIS JR.
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(Secretary to the City Council)

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Efren "Bata" Reyes into the World Billiards Hall of Fame