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**RESOLUTION NO. 151**  
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**RESOLUTION** EXPRESSING HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEXANDRA "ALEX" EALA FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINA TENNIS PLAYER IN HISTORY TO REACH A WOMEN'S TENNIS ASSOCIATION (WTA) TOUR FINAL AT THE LEXUS EASTBOURNE OPEN IN GREAT BRITAIN ON JUNE 27, 2025

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WHEREAS, born on May 23, 2005 in Quezon City, Philippines, Alexandra "Alex" Eala began playing tennis at age 4; her mother, Rizza Maniego Eala, is a former swimmer and bronze medalist at the 1985 Southeast Asian Games; her uncle, Noli Eala, is a former Sports Commission Chairperson and Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) Commissioner, and her brother, Michael "Miko" Eala, played tennis for Pennsylvania State University;

WHEREAS, Alex Eala is a professional tennis player who has made history as the first Filipina to win a Junior Grand Slam singles title (US Open 2022) and the first professional athlete to be featured on the cover of Vogue Philippines, Alex Eala is currently based in Mallorca, Spain and is also known for her strong performance at the Rafa Nadal Academy, where she trained since the age of 12;

WHEREAS, Alex Eala once again made history on 27<sup>th</sup> of June this year, as the first Filipina tennis player to reach the finals of the WTA Tournament after outlasting Frenchwoman, Varvara Gracheva, in the Eastbourne Open Semi Final in the 2 hours and 22 minutes semis battle, which marked her biggest career breakthrough in the professional tour to date;

WHEREAS, the left-handed 20-year old rising star is presently looking to regroup and quickly return to the drawing board as she prepares for the 2025 Wimbledon Championship this coming week: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to express, as it hereby expresses heartfelt congratulations to Alexandra "Alex" Eala for being the first Filipina tennis player in history to reach the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Tour Final at the Lexus Eastbourne Open in Great Britain on June 27, 2025; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Alex Eala or to her family in Quezon City.

PRESIDED BY:

**ANGELA LEI "CHI" I. ATIENZA**  
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer  
City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on July 3, 2025.

ATTESTED:

**ROMEO N. FRANCIA**  
Acting City Government Department Head III  
(Secretary to the City Council)