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**RESOLUTION**

**COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ALEXANDRA "ALEX" EALA FOR WINNING THE 2022 GIRLS' JUNIOR GRAND SLAM SINGLES CROWN OF THE US OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT IN NEW YORK CITY, USA**

**WHEREAS**, on 10 September 2022 (11 September 2022, Manila time) Alexandra "Alex" Eala made history as she became the first Filipino to win a US Open junior girls' singles title in the US Open Tennis Tournament held in New York City, USA;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the 17-year-old tennis sensation displayed a masterful performance as she defeated World No. 3 and reigning junior French Open champion Lucie Havlickova of the Czech Republic with a final score of 6-2, 6-4,<sup>2</sup> in the finals of the tournament that lasted 68 minutes;

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<sup>1</sup> September 11, 2022. Alex Eala wins historic first US Open girls' singles crown. *Retrieved from:* <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/sports/othersports/844461/alex-eala-wins-historic-first-us-open-girls-singles-crown/story/> (Date last accessed: September 11, 2022)

<sup>2</sup> September 11, 2022. Eala channels 'idol' Nadal to become Philippines' first Slam winner. *Retrieved from:* <https://www.philstar.com/sports/2022/09/11/2208930/eala-channels-idol-nadal-become-philippines-first-slam-winner> (Date last accessed: September 11, 2022)

**WHEREAS**, en route to her maiden championship, the No. 10 seed Alex Eala prevailed over highly ranked opponents such as No. 8 seed Taylah Preston from Australia, No. 14 seed Mirra Andreeva from Russia in the quarterfinals, and No. 9 seed Victoria Mboko from Canada in the semifinals;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, born in Quezon City to spouses Michael Eala and Rizza Maniego, (who was a bronze medalist in the 100-meter backstroke in the 1985 Southeast Asian Games,<sup>4</sup>) Alex Eala took up tennis as a youngster and began competing in tournaments before she was even a teenager. Even at her early years playing tennis, she already demonstrated immense talent and potential, which attracted talent scouts, which eventually led to an invitation to train at the Rafa Nadal Academy in Manacor, Spain;<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, at just 14 years old, Alex Eala made her junior debut at the US Open and reached the second round of the tennis competition;<sup>6</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, she won a junior Grand Slam doubles title at the Australian Open, alongside partner Priska Madelyn Nugroho;<sup>7</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, she won another junior Grand Slam doubles title at the French Open, this time with partner Oksana Selekhmeteva;<sup>8</sup>

**WHEREAS**, her triumph in the 2022 US Open is a result of her hard work, discipline, dedication, and perseverance, and as she perfectly puts it in her victory speech, her championship is one that she wholeheartedly won, not just for herself but for the future of Philippine tennis, and one that represents not just her victory, but of the Filipino people as a whole;<sup>9</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate finds it fitting to pay tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their remarkable contribution, which gained international recognition, thereby bringing glory and honor to our country;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, as it is hereby resolved, to commend and congratulate Alexandra “Alex” Eala for winning the 2022 Girls’ Junior Grand Slam Singles Crown of the US Open Tennis Tournament in New York City, USA.

**Adopted,**

<sup>3</sup> September 10, 2022. Eala first PH athlete to make US Open finals. Retrieved from: <https://manilastandard.net/sports/314259087/eala-first-ph-athlete-to-make-us-open-finals.html> (Date last accessed: September 11, 2022)

<sup>4</sup> May 14, 2021. 5 Internationally-Successful Individuals Who Are Making The Philippines Proud. Retrieved from: <https://www.tatlerasia.com/the-scene/people-parties/five-individuals-who-are-making-the-philippines-proud-with-their-international-success> (Date last accessed: September 11, 2022)

<sup>5</sup> September 11, 2022. Alexandra Eala becomes Philippines' first Grand Slam junior tennis champion. Retrieved from: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/sport/alexandra-eala-becomes-philippines-first-grand-slam-junior-tennis-champion-2931311> (Date last accessed: September 11, 2022)

<sup>6</sup> September 10, 2022. Alexandra Eala becomes first Filipina to win a junior Grand Slam singles title at the 2022 US Open. Retrieved from: [https://www.usopen.org/en\\_US/news/articles/2022-09-10/alexandra\\_eala\\_becomes\\_first\\_filipina\\_to\\_win\\_a\\_junior\\_grand\\_slam\\_singles\\_title\\_at\\_the\\_2022\\_us\\_open.html](https://www.usopen.org/en_US/news/articles/2022-09-10/alexandra_eala_becomes_first_filipina_to_win_a_junior_grand_slam_singles_title_at_the_2022_us_open.html) (Date last accessed: September 11, 2022)

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>9</sup> “Buong puso ko eto pinaglaban di lang para sa sarili ko pero para din makatulong ako sa kinabukasan ng Philippine Tennis. Hindi lang eto panalo ko pero panalo natin lahat.”



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**Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara**



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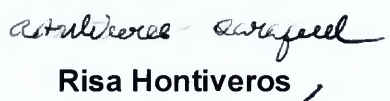
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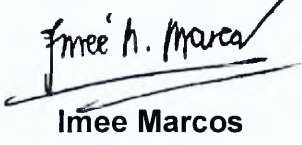
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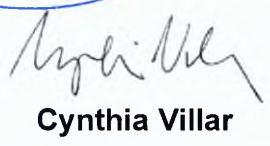
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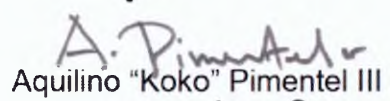
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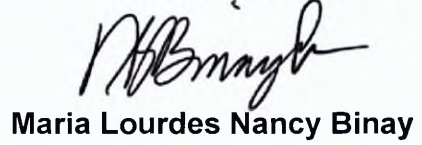
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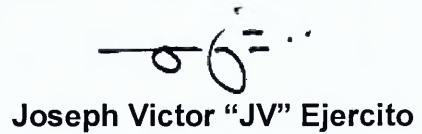
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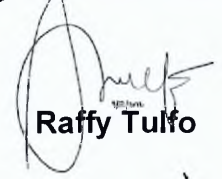
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