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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ALEXANDRA “ALEX” EALA FOR WINNING THE 2026 MUBADALA DC OPEN, BECOMING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO CAPTURE A WOMEN'S TENNIS ASSOCIATION (WTA) 500 TOURNAMENT SINGLES TITLE, AND RECOGNIZING HER EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY AS A WORLD-CLASS ATHLETE WHO HAS BROUGHT IMMENSE PRIDE, HONOR, AND INSPIRATION TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE

1 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution recognizes the vital role of sports in
2 fostering patriotism and nationalism¹, promoting physical excellence, and
3 developing a healthy and productive citizenry²;

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5 **WHEREAS**, Alexandra “Alex” Eala has emerged as one of the brightest
6 sporting icons of the Philippines, exemplifying excellence through peerless
7 talent, discipline, perseverance, courage, and unwavering commitment to
8 representing the Filipino nation on the global stage;

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10 **WHEREAS**, born in Quezon City and introduced to tennis at the age of
11 four, Alex Eala demonstrated exceptional promise at an early age, eventually
12 earning a place at the prestigious Rafael Nadal Academy in Mallorca, Spain,

¹ Article II, Section 17.

² Article 14, Section 19(1).

1 where she honed her skills under world-class training while carrying with
2 pride the Philippine flag in every competition;³

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4 **WHEREAS**, throughout her junior career, Alex Eala established herself
5 among the world's elite young tennis players, culminating in her historic
6 victory at the 2022 US Open Girls' Singles Championship⁴, becoming the first
7 Filipino to win a Grand Slam junior singles title, after earlier capturing the
8 2020 Australian Open Girls' Doubles title and the 2021 French Open Girls'
9 Doubles title⁵ — achievements that signaled the arrival of a once-in-a-
10 generation Filipino tennis talent;

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12 **WHEREAS**, her transition to the professional circuit reflected the same
13 resilience that defined her junior career, steadily climbing the world rankings
14 through years of sacrifice, relentless training, and perseverance against some
15 of the finest players in the sport;

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17 **WHEREAS**, in 2025, Alex Eala announced her arrival on the world stage
18 by becoming the first Filipino to reach the semifinals of a WTA 1000
19 tournament in Miami, defeating multiple Top 10 players, becoming the first
20 Filipina to enter the WTA Top 100 rankings, reaching her maiden WTA Tour
21 final at Eastbourne, and capturing her first WTA 125 title in Guadalajara—
22 milestones that firmly established her as one of the brightest rising stars in
23 international tennis;

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25 **WHEREAS**, in 2026, she continued her remarkable ascent by reaching
26 the Round of 16 at Wimbledon⁶—the deepest Grand Slam singles run ever
27 achieved by a Filipino in the Open Era—and by consistently competing among
28 the world's elite, proving that Filipino athletes can stand shoulder to shoulder
29 with the best in the sport;

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31 **WHEREAS**, on August 3, 2026, Alex Eala etched her name permanently
32 into Philippine sporting history by capturing the Mubadala DC Open
33 championship, defeating world No. 3 Jessica Pegula in a stirring comeback
34 victory, 4–6, 6–4, 6–0, to become the first Filipino ever to win a Women's
35 Tennis Association (WTA) 500 Tour singles title, a monumental achievement
36 that resonated throughout the international sporting community;

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38 **WHEREAS**, Alex Eala commenced her remarkable Mubadala DC Open
39 championship campaign by defeating Magdalena Fręch of Poland, a seasoned

³ <https://www.wtatennis.com/players/330332/alexandra-eala>

⁴ <https://www.usopen.org/>

⁵ <https://www.itftennis.com/>

⁶ <https://www.reuters.com/sports/tennis/wimbledon-day-eight-2026-07-06/>

1 WTA Tour professional and former Top 25 player, whose consistent
2 performances at Grand Slam tournaments and WTA events have established
3 her among the world's most formidable competitors, thereby setting the tone
4 for Eala's historic run with a commanding opening-round victory;

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6 **WHEREAS**, in the Round of Sixteen, Alex Eala produced one of the
7 tournament's biggest upsets by eliminating Leylah Annie Fernandez of
8 Canada, the tournament's seventh seed, reigning Mubadala DC Open
9 champion, former World No. 13, 2021 US Open finalist, and Olympic
10 representative, overcoming a 1-5 deficit in the second set before prevailing in
11 a dominant tiebreak to end the title defense of one of the sport's most
12 accomplished young stars;⁷

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14 **WHEREAS**, in the quarterfinals, Alex Eala defeated Elina Svitolina of
15 Ukraine, the tournament's second seed, former World No. 3, Wimbledon and
16 US Open semifinalist, Australian Open quarterfinalist, Olympic bronze
17 medalist, and winner of numerous WTA singles titles, further demonstrating
18 her ability to prevail over one of the most respected and accomplished
19 competitors of her generation;

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21 **WHEREAS**, in the semifinals, Alex Eala delivered another masterful
22 performance by defeating Naomi Osaka of Japan, a four-time Grand Slam
23 singles champion, former World No. 1, two-time Australian Open champion,
24 two-time US Open champion, Olympic athlete, and one of the most
25 recognizable and influential figures in world tennis, to secure the first WTA
26 Tour final appearance of her professional career;

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28 **WHEREAS**, in the championship match, Alex Eala completed her
29 extraordinary run by overcoming Jessica Pegula of the United States, the
30 tournament's top seed and World No. 3, a multiple-time WTA singles
31 champion, US Open singles finalist, WTA Finals finalist, former champion of
32 the Mubadala DC Open, and one of the world's premier hard-court players,
33 rallying from a set down to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-0 and become the first Filipino to
34 capture a WTA Tour singles title⁸;

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36 **WHEREAS**, by defeating in succession a reigning tournament champion,
37 a former World No. 3 and Olympic medalist, a former World No. 1 and four-
38 time Grand Slam champion, and the reigning World No. 3 and top seed, Alex
39 Eala authored one of the most impressive championship runs of the 2026
40 WTA season, firmly establishing herself among the world's elite while bringing

⁷ <https://www.reuters.com/sports/tennis/wta-roundup-alexandra-eala-ousts-defending-champ-leylah-fernandez-dc-flm-2026-07-30/>

⁸ [Philippines' Eala wins first WTA title, Fritz claims Washington crown | Reuters](#)

1 unprecedented honor and glory to the Republic of the Philippines;
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3 **WHEREAS**, this historic triumph was not merely the culmination of one
4 tournament but the fulfillment of years of sacrifice, resilience, discipline, and
5 peerless talent—qualities that transformed a young Filipina dreamer into a
6 champion who has broken barriers once thought unattainable for Philippine
7 tennis;
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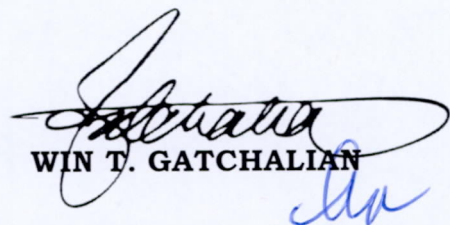
9 **WHEREAS**, Alex Eala's remarkable journey demonstrates that excellence
10 is achieved not by talent alone but through perseverance, humility,
11 unwavering dedication, and an enduring commitment to one's country,
12 making her an inspiration to millions of Filipinos, particularly the youth who
13 now dare to dream beyond perceived limitations;
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15 **WHEREAS**, at a time when the Filipino people continue to seek stories
16 of hope, unity, and national pride, Alex Eala's historic accomplishment serves
17 as a powerful reminder that no dream is too distant and no summit is beyond
18 the reach of a determined Filipino;
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20 **RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES** to congratulate
21 and commend Alexandra "Alex" Eala for her historic victory at the 2026
22 Mubadala DC Open, becoming the first Filipino to win a Women's Tennis
23 Association (WTA) 500 Tournament singles championship, and recognize her
24 extraordinary journey as a world-class athlete who has brought immense
25 pride, honor, and inspiration to the Filipino people;
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27 **RESOLVED, FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to
28 Alexandra "Alex" Eala as a testament to the profound admiration, gratitude,
29 and highest esteem of the Senate of the Philippines for her unparalleled
30 achievement and invaluable service to the nation through sports.

Adopted,


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