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Introduced by Senator **PIA S. CAYETANO**

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JOHNNY ARCILLA FOR HIS
EXCEPTIONAL CAREER IN THE SPORT OF TENNIS AND FOR HIS
RECOGNITION AS A PHILIPPINE COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION (PCA) HALL
OF FAMER

WHEREAS, Johnny Arcilla, born in Tacloban, Southern Leyte, is a distinguished Filipino tennis player who has achieved numerous accolades, titles, and records throughout his career, establishing himself as one of the country's premier athletes in the sport of tennis;

WHEREAS, Arcilla's tennis journey began at the young age of six, starting as a ball boy in Butuan City's tennis court, the place wherein he was first given the opportunity to play and where he discovered his love for the sport;

WHEREAS, Arcilla's early exposure to tennis came with the support of his father, who brought him to every tournament. His breakthrough happened after he

was discovered by a representative from Milo, who recognized his talent and potential, leading to his first official tournament in Cagayan De Oro City for the 10-and-under age group;

WHEREAS, after relocating to Manila, the tennis star rose to prominence by earning the No. 1 ranking as he dominated the 14-and-under and 18-and-under categories and securing sponsorships from top tennis brands such as Wilson, Head, and Kennez. He went on to represent the Philippine National Tennis Team from 1999 to 2015 in major international competitions, including the ASEAN Games, Davis Cup, and SEA Games;¹

WHEREAS, Arcilla went on to claim titles in both national and international tournaments, winning gold in the Manila and Laos SEA Games (Team Events), bronze in the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games (singles), eight championships in the Cebuana Lhuillier Tennis Open, and six championships in the Alcala Lucena Tournament;

WHEREAS, Arcilla holds the record for the most titles in the Philippine Columbian Association (PCA) Open's men's history as a ten-time champion² in the

¹ Payo, J. (2011, October 31). SEA Games-bound Johnny Arcilla shines. *Inquirer*. <https://sports.inquirer.net/22691/sea-games-bound-johnny-arcilla-shines>

² Malanum, J. (2022, October 30). Arcilla bags 10th PCA Open title; teen unseats Capadocia. *Philippine News Agency*. <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1187442#:~:text=It%20was%20the%20second%20consecutive,in%20the%20last%20two%20years>.

singles category and a fourteen-time champion in the doubles category — an extraordinary feat that earned him a place in the prestigious PCA Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, Arcilla was the Philippines' No. 1 Tennis Player from 2000 to 2012, No. 2 from 2014 to 2017, and returned as No. 1 from 2020 to 2022. Currently, at 44-years-old, he holds the No. 3 seed for singles in 2025 and the No. 4 seed for doubles in 2024-2025, further solidifying his elite status in the sport;

WHEREAS, Arcilla has also been recognized with the ITF Davis Cup Commitment Award³ and the ITF Champion title, alongside Niño Alcantara in 2015, and continues to excel, winning the Palawan Pawnshop Open (June 2024), and the Lanao Tubod Palawan Pawnshop Open (July 2024), further proving his continued dominance in Philippine tennis;

WHEREAS, beyond his sports titles and records, he has been a pillar of support for his family, providing them with financial stability and a better life, and now, as a university tennis coach, he gives back by sharing his expertise in tennis and mentoring young athletes;

WHEREAS, Arcilla is the true embodiment of hard work and dedication, as his outstanding contributions to Philippine tennis and his remarkable career have earned

³ Latest Commitment Award Winner Announced. (n.d.). *Davis Cup*.
<https://www.daviscup.com/145355?channel=daviscupnews>

him a permanent place in the history of Philippine sports, inspiring future generations of athletes and cementing his legacy in his sport;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulates and commends Johnny Arcilla for his exceptional career in the sport of tennis and for his recognition as a Philippine Columbian Association (PCA) Hall of Famer.

Adopted,

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