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**RESOLUTION  
COMMENDING VINA MORALES AND KJWAN BAND FOR WINNING IN THE ASEAN  
IKON INTERNATIONAL SONG COMPETITION HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR,  
MALAYSIA, THEIR VICTORIES REFLECTING FILIPINOS' WORLD CLASS TALENTS  
AND MUSICALITY**

**WHEREAS**, On 12 August 2007, singer-actress Vina Morales and Kjwan Band scored a grand slam in the first Asean Ikon Song Festival, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

**WHEREAS**, Asean Ikon is a regional music competition pitting professional solo artists and bands from the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia against each other in a contest of talent, creativity and versatility and the contestants were required to perform original songs written for, or by, them;

**WHEREAS**, the Filipinos garnered the loudest applause and edged out contemporaries from the other ASEAN countries;

**WHEREAS**, Vina Morales and Kjwan join the illustrious list of outstanding Filipino crooners who won 'Grand Prize' international recognition: Celeste Legaspi (Seoul Song Festival), Eugene Villaluz and Tillie Moreno (Seoul International Song Festival), Dulce (Asian Song Festival), Ivy Violan (Midnight Sun Song Festival in Finland), Regine Velasquez (Asia-Pacific Song Festival), Jaya (Asia Song Festival) and Jed Maddela (Song Olympics in US);

**WHEREAS**, five-member Kjwan won the group category for the band's wide range of music, from the quintessential rock number "Invitation" to the poppy and summery "One Look," both from their current release "2 Step Marv.";

**WHEREAS**, besides the recognition, Morales and the band won \$25,000 (P1.14 million) each and the chance for their music to be distributed, promoted and played around Southeast Asia;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, to commend Vina Morales and Kjwan Band for winning in the Asean Ikon music competition held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and for contributing to the pride and honor of the global Filipino.

Adopted.

  
**MANNY VILLAR**  
Senator