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RESOLUTION NO. 105

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING
THE FIBA LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE,
THE SAMAHANG BASKETBOL NG PILIPINAS,
AS WELL AS THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND ALL
CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND
INSTRUMENTALITIES, FOR THE SUCCESSFUL
HOSTING OF THE 2023 FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD
CUP

WHEREAS, the Federation Internationale de Basketball (FIBA) or the International Basketball Federation, a global governing organization composed of associations dedicated to the celebration and promotion of the sport of basketball, holds the FIBA Basketball World Cup (FBWC) – its flagship event and possibly the biggest basketball competition – every four (4) years;

WHEREAS, the FBWC, which first took place in Argentina in 1950 and had eighteen (18) more iterations since then, serves as the world's biggest stage for the best-of-the-best basketball teams from all around the world to compete;

WHEREAS, in 2017, through the incredible efforts of the *Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas* (SBP) led by its Chairman Emeritus Manny V. Pangilinan, the Philippines – who first hosted the FBWC in 1978 – once again got the hosting rights to the 2023 FBWC in a three-nation bid along with Japan and Indonesia – the first time in the flagship event's history to be staged in more than one country;

WHEREAS, since then and even with the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic which affected almost all mobility for close to three (3) years, the SBP demonstrated hard work in preparing for the 2023 FBWC hosting which ran from 25 August 2023 to 10 September 2023 through its various coordination meetings with the FIBA Central Board, co-host countries Indonesia and Japan, venues, suppliers, and teams. This is in addition to building and training our national basketball team to represent the Philippines and compete against the best teams and the brightest stars in basketball;

WHEREAS, the government also extended its assistance to the SBP and the FIBA Local Organizing Committee (LOC) through various means, such as: President Marcos' issuance of Administrative Order No. 5, s. 2023 which established the Inter-Agency Task Force, directed all government agencies and instrumentalities, and encouraged local government units (LGUs) to extend their support for the preparation, organization and hosting the 2023 FBWC; and Congress' approval of the government's funding support under the General Appropriations Act (GAA) as well as the various naturalization measures pushed in order to strengthen our national team's roster; and our LGUs' offer of various logistical assistance to the LOC;

WHEREAS, because of the united objective from both private and public sector, the Philippines successfully hosted the 2023 FBWC – from the record-breaking crowd of 38,115 fans during the tournament's opening ceremony at the Philippine Arena which beat the previously held record of 32,616 attendees in Toronto, Canada in 1994; the seamlessly organized games under the group phase and second round phase held in Mall of Asia (MOA) Arena and Smart Araneta Coliseum; to the jam-packed finals round in MOA Arena. The strong cooperation between the private and public sector ensured smooth logistical management and provided ease not only for the players but for the viewing public;

WHEREAS, the LOC and SBP were also successful in conducting activities and events outside of the actual FBWC games such as the FIBA Congress which was participated by the Central Board and the member-countries, the Basketball for Good Charity Gala and Auction of the FIBA Foundation which raised over \$320,000 to fund the organization's grassroots initiatives, and the renovation of a basketball court in Pasig City;

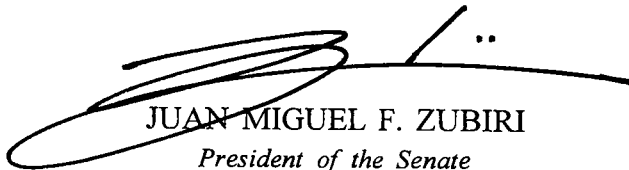
WHEREAS, the positive effects of an event of this magnitude was undoubtedly felt in the Philippines as the 2023 FBWC not only brought joy to millions of Filipinos but also contributed to a considerable uptick observed in both the hotel occupancy rates and volume of visitor arrivals from World Cup participating countries according to the Department of Tourism (DOT). In addition, in an article published by Business World, economic journalist Bienvenido Oplas, Jr. projected that a contribution to GDP of around 0.05% to 0.1% in the third quarter brought about by the 2023 FBWC hosting could still translate to around P2.5 billion to P5 billion to the domestic economy;

WHEREAS, the FIBA Central Board also expressed praises towards our country's hosting as FIBA Secretary General Andreas Zagklis noted the warmth, hospitality, kindness and "solution-oriented approach" of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, with the success of the recently concluded 2023 FBWC, all those who contributed should be properly commended: the SBP headed by Chairman Emeritus Manny V. Pangilinan, President Alfredo S. Panlilio, SBP Board of Trustees Chairman Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara, and the Board of Trustees; the FIBA LOC; the Executive Branch and members of the Inter-Agency Task Force under A.O. No. 5, s. 2023 including the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), DOT, Department of Transportation (DOTr), Bureau of Customs (BOC), Bureau of Immigration (BI), Philippine National Police (PNP), the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA); all other government agencies and instrumentalities and LGUs that provided assistance; the volunteers; and the private sector;

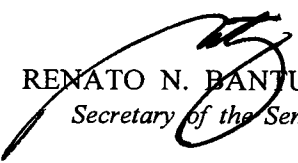
WHEREAS, commendation should also be given to our Gilas Pilipinas Men's National Team, namely: Kiefer Ravena, Jordan Clarkson, Scottie Thompson, Kai Zachary Sotto, Jamie James Malonzo, June Mar Fajardo, Roger Pogoy, CJ Perez, Rhenz Abando, Dwight Ramos, Japeth Aguilar, Ariel John Edu, Head Coach Chot Reyes, Assistant Coach Tim Cone, Assistant Coach Jong Uichico, and all the coaching and training staff for their unwavering dedication to bring honor and pride to the country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate and commend the FIBA Local Organizing Committee and the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas, as well as the private sector and all concerned government agencies and instrumentalities, for the successful hosting of the 2023 FIBA Basketball World Cup.



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President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on
February 6, 2024.



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Secretary of the Senate

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