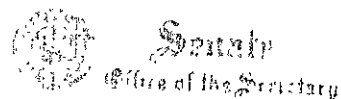


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**A RESOLUTION
COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE AZKALS, FOR THE FAIR PLAY AWARD THEY RECEIVED DURING
THE 2010 AFF SUZUKI CUP**

Whereas, the Philippine Senate always paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their astonishing achievements in giving pride and honor to the country,

Whereas, the Philippine National Football Team, also known as the Azkals, represents the country in international football,

Whereas, despite being the oldest national team in Asia, the Philippines has never had any significant success on the international stage and has never qualified for the AFC Asian Cup or the FIFA World Cup;

Whereas, the ASEAN Football Championship is a biennial international football competition organized by the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF), contested by the national teams of Southeast Asia;

Whereas, the AFF Suzuki Cup is the 21st ASEAN Football Championship held last December 1-29, 2010 in two main venues in the region,

Whereas, the Philippines qualified for the semi-finals for the first time under the management of Simon McMenemy;

Whereas, the Philippines battled against the three other lower-ranked teams for the last two spots to the cup, for the assured spots are saved for pre-qualified countries based on their tournament records;

Whereas, the Philippines, along with Laos, successfully qualified for the cup;

Whereas, during the group stage, the Philippines ranked second in Group B making way to advance to the knock out stage,

Whereas, the cup concluded with Malaysia winning their first title defeating the host Indonesia,

Whereas, because of the sportsmanship showed by the Azkals, the team was awarded the Fair Play Award, an award for playing tough but by the rules of what is reputed as the world's most popular sport;

Whereas, the Azkals has done the nation proud and has shown the world the Filipinos' capacity to excel in the field of football.

Be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to commend the Philippine national football team, otherwise known as the Azkals, for the Fair Play Award they received during the 2010 AFF Suzuki Cup.

Adopted


RAMON SONG REVILLA, JR.