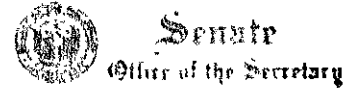



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Introduced by Senator **SONNY ANGARA**

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING GILAS PILIPINAS, THE PHILIPPINE MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM, FOR IMPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE STATUS OF PHILIPPINE SPORTS FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE 2015 WILLIAM JONES CUP HELD IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN AND INITIATING THE RISE PROGRAM AS A GRASSROOTS PROJECT FOR SPORTS

WHEREAS, the Constitution, under Article XIV, Section 19, encourages "sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry";

WHEREAS, being an example of excellence through sports development programs, the Philippine Men's National Basketball Team, popularly known as the Gilas Pilipinas, took home the silver medal in the 2015 William Jones Cup held in Taipei, Taiwan from August 29 to September 6, 2015 after defeating Chinese Taipei-B, and etching notable victories over professional basketball teams such as the Wellington Saints of New Zealand, Spartak Primorye of Russia, Team USA Overtake-Select, and Chinese Taipei-A of the host country¹;

WHEREAS, the William Jones Cup is an international basketball tournament annually held since 1977 in honor of Renato William Jones, the first Secretary General of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) and one of the organization's founding members, and a staunch advocate of the sport who is responsible for raising international awareness for the game of basketball²;

WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas guard Jayson Castro, who led the Philippine team to its victorious silver medal finish, was made part of the tournament's Mythical Five alongside Iran's Hamed Haddadi and Mehdi Kamrany, South Korea's Moon Tae-young, and Chinese Taipei's Lin Chi-chieh³;

WHEREAS, this year's Gilas Pilipinas team—led by coaches Tab Baldwin, Joseph Uichico, and Alexander Compton with players Asi Taulava, Dondon Hontiveros, Gary David, Jimmy Alapag, Ranidel de Ocampo, Joachim Thoss, Marc Pingris, J.C. Intal, Gabe Norwood, Jayson Castro, Aldrech Ramos, Calvin Abueva, Moala Tautuaa,

¹ Gilas Pilipinas claims silver in Jones Cup ABS-CBN News 6 Sept 2015 <http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/sports/09/06/15/gilas-pilipinas-claims-silver-jones-cup>

² R. William Jones Basketball Hall of Fame <http://www.hoophall.com/hall-of-famers/tag/r-william-jones>

³ Jayson Castro named to Jones Cup Mythical Five, Gangiani, N. Rappler.com. 6 September 2015 <http://www.rappler.com/sports/by-sport/basketball/gilas-pilipinas/104958-castro-jones-cup-mythical-five>

Matt Ganuelas-Rosser, Terrence Romeo, and Jeth Troy Rosario—continued the winning tradition of the country in the annual international tournament bagging the country's first silver in addition to the four (4) gold medals and three (3) bronze finishes since it joined the Jones Cup⁴;

WHEREAS, in accordance to the aforementioned mandate on sports, athletic outfitter Nike, together with Gilas Pilipinas led by its stalwarts Chot Reyes and Jimmy Alapag, launched the Rise program—the country's first-ever basketball development project initiating a nationwide search for aspiring basketball players and providing them an opportunity to be discovered through modernized and digitally-enabled training sessions⁵;

WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas is indeed at the forefront of elevating the level of sports in the country by providing a platform to encourage Filipinos particularly the youth to participate in sports which can lead to a better and healthy lifestyle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines, commend Gilas Pilipinas, the Philippine Men's National Basketball Team, for their invaluable contribution to Philippine sports and its development through the team's recent triumph in the 2015 William Jones Cup and its prime grassroots project for sports, the Rise program.

Adopted,



SENATOR SONNY ANGARA

⁴ Gilas Pilipinas bags silver medal in 2015 Jones Cup. Bracher, J. 6 September 2015 <http://www.rappler.com/sports/by-sport/basketball/gilas-pilipinas/104909-2015-jones-cup-silver-medal-gilas>

⁵ Nike Rise program provides once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to street ballers Spin PH 23 June 2015 <http://www.spin.ph/basketball/news/nike-rise-basketball-program-chot-reyes-jimmy-alapag-training-house-of-rise>