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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL TEAM, GILAS PILIPINAS FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE 2015 FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE BASKETBALL (FIBA) ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP, A STEP CLOSER TO THE 2016 RIO DE JANEIRO OLYMPICS, HELD IN CHANGSHA, HUNAN, CHINA

WHEREAS, the Philippine national team represented by Gilas Pilipinas won the silver medal in the FIBA Asia Championship held from 23 September to 03 October 2015 in Changsha, Hunan, China. This entitles the Philippines, along with Iran and Japan to compete in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (OQT) from July 05 to 10, 2016 for a slot in the 2016 Men's Olympic Basketball Tournament to be held from 06-21 August 2016, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;

WHEREAS, the track records of the Philippines in different FIBA's basketball competitions show that the Philippines men's national team finished fifth-place in the 1936 Summer Olympics and won the bronze medal in the 1954 FIBA Basketball World Cup. The men's team also won five gold medals, four silver medals, and one bronze medal in the FIBA Asia Championships; and bronze medal in the 2014 FIBA Asia Cup. The Philippines also actively participated and had significant achievements in the 2014 FIBA World Cup, several FIBA World Championships, Olympics Basketball Tournaments, and the FIBA Asia Championships since its affiliation in 1936;

WHEREAS, the Philippines also won gold, silver and bronze medals in other prestigious international basketball games which include Asian Games, SEABA Championship, SEABA Cup, Far Eastern Championship and Southeast Asian Championship Games, among others;

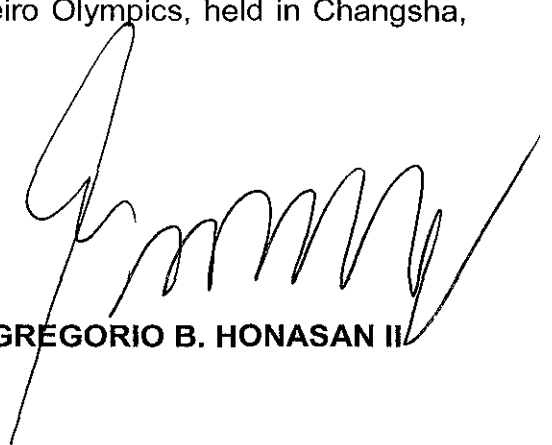
WHEREAS, the Philippines is 31st in the FIBA World Ranking For Men after the 2014 FIBA Basketball World Cup and 5th in the FIBA Asia Ranking. At present, FIBA consists of 215 member national federations of basketball throughout the world;

WHEREAS, the Gilas Pilipinas, headed by its Coach Thomas Anthony Baldwin and Assistant Coach Joseph Uichico, is composed of top and excellent basketball athletes, namely Calvin Abueva, Andray Blatche, Ranidel De Ocampo, Matthew Ganuelas, Donaldo Hontiveros, John Intal, Gabriel Norwood, Jean Marc Pingris, Terrence Romeo, Pauliasi Taulava, Joachim Gunther Thoss and Jayson William;

WHEREAS, by virtue of its the performance, competence and true grit shown and proven in this international game, the Gilas Pilipinas highly deserves to be commended for the honor and international prestige it has brought to our country: **Now, therefore, be it**

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate and commend the Philippine National Team, Gilas Pilipinas for winning the silver medal in the 2015 Fédération Internationale De Basketball (FIBA) Asia Championship, a step closer to the 2016 Rio De Janeiro Olympics, held in Changsha, Hunan, China.

Adopted,



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