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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE BLU BOYS
SOFTBALL TEAM FOR EARNING SECOND PLACE IN THE 11TH MEN'S
SOFTBALL ASIA CUP HELD IN KOCHI, JAPAN AND FOR SECURING A SPOT
IN THE 2022 MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

WHEREAS, Art. XIV, Section 19 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "the State shall promote physical education and encourage 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, it is in recognition of this policy that we recognize and honor the significant achievements of our countrymen in the field of sports to encourage and incentivize excellence among our athletes;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on numerous occasions, recognized and given commendation to outstanding Filipino athletes for bringing pride and honor to the country by representing and winning in international sports events;

WHEREAS, our softball team, the Philippine Blu Boys, have successfully secured a spot in the World Cup through their exceptional second-place performance in the recently concluded Asian Men's Softball Championship in Kochi, Japan, and will represent our nation against the world's best teams in the 2022 Tradestaff WBSC Men's Softball World Cup, where only 12 countries have the honor of competing;

WHEREAS, the 2022 Tradestaff WBSC Men's Softball World Cup, the world's largest softball tournament in the world which takes place only every two (2) years, will be held this year at Rosedale Park, Auckland, New Zealand, this coming November 26 to December 4, 2022;

WHEREAS, the World Cup, which is recognized as the world's largest softball tournament that takes place only every two (2) years, is to be held on November 26 to December 4, 2022 at Rosedale Park, Auckland, New Zealand;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Blu Boys Softball Team would represent our nation against the best teams in the entire world in the said tournament, where only 12 countries have the honor of competing;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Blu Boys Softball Team is comprised of the following softball athletes:

1. Jerome Bacarisas
2. Denmark Bathan
3. Leo Barredo
4. Melvin de Castro
5. Julius dela Cruz
6. Julius Diaz
7. Lyonas de Leon
8. Mark Gaspi
9. Francis Generoso
10. Ian Mercado
11. Leonel Matanguihan
12. Marlon Pagkaliwagan
13. Michael Pagkaliwagan
14. Gerone Riparip
15. Reagan Parco
16. Justine Rosales
17. Kenneth Torres

WHEREAS, the guidance, mentorship and training of Head Coach Apol Rosales, and the rest of the coaching staff that support the Philippine Blue Boys is duly recognized as a vital factor, in the successful journey of the entire team;

WHEREAS, the exemplary performance of the entire Philippine Blu Boys deserves the highest praise, recognition and commendation for bringing pride and inspiration to the Filipino people and for showing to the world the unrelenting spirit of Filipino sports excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to express its congratulations and commendation to the Philippine Blu Boys for earning Second Place in the 11th Men's Softball Asia Cup held in Kochi, Japan and for securing a spot in the 2022 Men's Softball World Cup.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator