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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE GILAS PILIPINAS WOMEN FOR WINNING BRONZE AT THE 2022 FIBA UNDER-18 WOMEN'S ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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, on 11 September 2022, the Gilas Pilipinas Women secured third place in Division B of the FIBA U18 Women's Asian Championship following a comefrom-behind 84-68 victory over Samoa in Bengaluru, India;

WHEREAS, despite suffering a heartbreaking loss to Malaysia the night before, the team used their defeat as fuel in their bout against Samoa, eventually defeating them with methodical precision;

WHEREAS, the team found themselves starting off slow, with Samoa taking the lead for the first 2 quarters of the game, but eventually our ladies found their groove, erupting for a huge 3rd quarter and taking the lead and the win;

WHEREAS, the team picked apart their Samoan opponents and exhibited their mettle, securing a bronze medal for our country in the tournament;

WHEREAS, the Gilas Pilipinas Women U-18 Team is comprised of the following basketball athletes:

- 1. Ryhanna Lourdes Cassandra Calvert
- 2. Kate Colyn Bobadilla
- 3. Kalynee Reigne Abraham
- 4. Louna Ozar
- 5. Princess BJ Marie Villarin
- 6. Sumayah Sugapong
- 7. CAndice Alexie Udal
- 8. Dianne Camille Nolasco
- 9. Liane Ashley Loon
- 10. Kristan Geyl Yumul
- 11. Sydney Jane Heyn

The team is under the guidance and mentorship of Coach Patrick Henry Aquino, together with Assistant Coach Jose Ramon Garcia;

WHEREAS, the inspiring performance of the Gilas Pilipinas Women Team has brought not only pride for our country, but a cause to be optimistic for the future of Philippine basketball;

WHEREAS, the exemplary performance of the entire Gilas Pilipinas Women Team deserve high praise and recognition, for bringing pride and inspiration to the Filipino people and for showing the world our relentless passion for sports excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to express its congratulations and commendation to the Gilas Pilipinas Women U-18 Team for earning a Bronze Medal in the 2022 Fiba U-18 Women's Asian Championship, which took place in Bengaluru India.

Adopted,

MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID

Senator