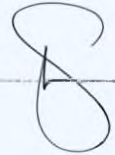


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P.S. RES. NO. 618

Introduced by Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM GILAS PILIPINAS FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2023 SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Philippine National basketball team has traditionally dominated the men's basketball event at the Southeast Asian Games since the sport was first played in 1977, winning 18 golds of the 21 events;

WHEREAS, the Philippines' 30-year winning streak was temporarily halted in 2021 when the National Team bagged only the Silver medal when it lost to Indonesia in the Men's Basketball Championship in the 2021 SEA Games;

WHEREAS, fueled by the determination to reclaim the crown, the Philippine national men's basketball team Gilas Pilipinas once again bagged the gold medal in the 2023 Southeast Asian Games Men's Basketball Championship at the Modorok Techo Elephant Hall 2 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia;

WHEREAS, despite the lack of a suitable practice facility and having to play in an oven-hot venue, Gilas Pilipinas defeated host team Cambodia with a decisive 80-69 victory on the last day of the tournament;

WHEREAS, with this win of Gilas Pilipinas in the Men's Basketball Championship, it not only earned for the Philippines its 19th Men's Basketball Title, it likewise gained for the Philippine delegation its 56th gold medal of the 2023 SEA Games;

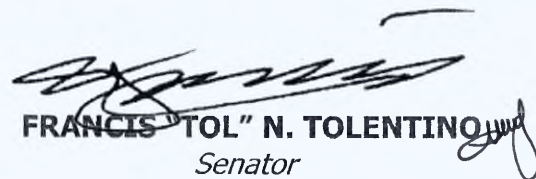
WHEREAS, the team is composed Justin BrownLee, Christian Standhardinger, Brandon Ganuelas-Rosser, Chris Newsome, Calvin Oftana, Arvin Tolentino, Marcio Lassiter, CJ Perez, Chris Ross, Michael Phillips, Jerom Lastimoso, Mason Amos along with head coach Chot Reyes and assistant coaches Tim Cone and Jong Uichico;

WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas' victory is a testament to the Philippines' growing reputation in the world of basketball. Gilas' win not only cements their position as one of the top teams in the region but also puts them in an excellent position to compete on the global stage;

WHEREAS, the exemplary performance of Gilas Pilipinas 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, as it is enshrined in the 1987 Constitution for the State to recognize the vital role of sports in fostering self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend Gilas Pilipinas National Team for winning in the 2023 Southeast Asian Games Men's Basketball Championship.

Adopted,


FRANCIS "TOL" N. TOLENTINO
Senator