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RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING GILAS PILIPINAS MEN'S
NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL AT THE
32ND SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES HELD IN PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

1 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has, on several occasions, recognized
2 outstanding Filipino athletes who won in international sports competitions and
3 brought honor and pride to the country;

4 WHEREAS, the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) is a biennial multi-sport
5 event participated by eleven countries in the Southeast Asian region, namely Brunei
6 Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar,
7 Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, and the Philippines;

8 WHEREAS, the 32nd edition of the SEA Games was held for the first time in
9 Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 05 to 17 May 2023;

10 WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas Men successfully reclaimed the regional
11 championship title after capturing the gold in the final match against host nation
12 Cambodia (80-69) held last 16 May 2023 at the Morodok Techo National Stadium;

13 WHEREAS, the Gilas Pilipinas' victory secured the 56th gold medal for the
14 Philippines in its 2023 SEA Games campaign, and re-established the country's
15 stature as a basketball powerhouse in the region following a second-place finish in
16 the 31st SEA Games in Hanoi, Vietnam;

17 WHEREAS, the national basketball team's triumph claimed the Philippines' 19th
18 championship title in the sport since 1977, and heralded the country's victorious
19 comeback from a three-decade winning streak since 1991;

1 WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas also outplayed Indonesia in the semi-finals to
2 dethrone the defending champions and clinch a spot at the finals;

3 WHEREAS, the 12-man lineup of Gilas Pilipinas which competed in the 5-on-5
4 basketball event of the SEA Games was composed of Mason Amos, Justin Brownlee,
5 Brandon Ganuelas-Rosser, Marcio Lassiter, Jerom Lastimosa, Calvin Oftana, Chris
6 Newsome, CJ Perez, Michael Phillips, Chris Ross, Christian Standhardinger and Arvin
7 Tolentino;

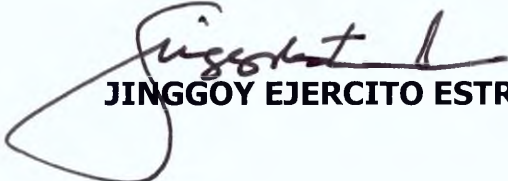
8 WHEREAS, the Gilas Pilipinas men’s team, led by its head coach Chot Reyes
9 and assistant coaches Tim Cone and Jong Uichico, powered through Cambodia’s
10 home court advantage, a painful loss during the preliminary round, and the host
11 country’s several naturalized players to dominate and rule the sport;

12 WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas men’s national basketball team demonstrated
13 discipline, resilience and perseverance which are positive values that their fellow
14 athletes and the younger generation can emulate. Their success story showcased
15 the indomitable Filipino spirit and world-class caliber, as it brought pride, joy, and
16 honor to the nation which professes immense passion for basketball;

17 WHEREAS, their momentous accomplishment in the international tournament
18 merits commendation and recognition from the Philippine Senate;

19 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate,
20 to commend and congratulate the Gilas Pilipinas Men’s national basketball team for
21 winning the gold medal at the 32nd Southeast Asian Games held in Phnom Penh,
22 Cambodia.

Adopted,


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA