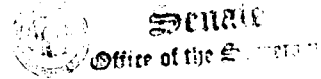


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**Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES**  
**OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE PASSING OF FILIPINO**  
**BASKETBALL ICON "THE SKYWALKER" AVELINO "SAMBOY" LIM**

1 WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has consistently recognized and paid tribute  
2 to remarkable Filipinos with exemplary accomplishments and valuable contribution to  
3 the positive development of society and nation building;

4 WHEREAS, Avelino "Samboy" Lim, Filipino basketball legend hailed as "The  
5 Skywalker" for his gravity-defying moves and high-flying plays on the court during  
6 the 1980s and the 1990s, passed away on 23 December 2023 at the age of 61;

7 WHEREAS, Lim was named as one of the 25 Greatest Players in Philippine  
8 Basketball Association (PBA) history during the league's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and was  
9 one of the most popular and admired cagers ever who was inducted in the PBA Hall  
10 of Fame;

11 WHEREAS, Lim honed his athletic prowess, built a stellar collegiate career and  
12 steered Colegio de San Juan de Letran into attaining three consecutive  
13 championships in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), where he was  
14 named as Most Valuable Player in 1984;

15 WHEREAS, Lim joined San Miguel basketball team in 1986 and spent his  
16 entire eleven-year PBA professional stint with the celebrated franchise. He won for  
17 his team a total of nine championships, including a rare Grand Slam in 1989. He also  
18 secured five PBA All-Star appearances, two PBA Mythical Second Team Selection,  
19 PBA All-Star Game MVP in 1990, among other distinctions and accolades;

1           WHEREAS, "The Skywalker" became a member of the national basketball  
2 teams which represented the Philippines in numerous international competitions. He  
3 brought honor and pride to the country by winning the gold medals in the 1983  
4 Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in Singapore, 1985 SEA Games in Bangkok and 1985  
5 Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) Championship title in Kuala Lumpur; silver  
6 medal in the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing; and bronze medal in 1986 Asian Games  
7 in Seoul;

8           WHEREAS, Lim was the first recipient of the PBA Sportsmanship Award in  
9 1993 for embodying the ideals of sportsmanship on the court – ethical behavior, fair  
10 play and integrity. In 2016, the award has been renamed as the Samboy Lim PBA  
11 Sportsmanship Award;

12           WHEREAS, exemplifying his boundless passion for the sport, Lim established  
13 the Skywalker Basketball Clinic which imparted valuable skills and lessons to the new  
14 breed of ballers, including beginners, intermediate and elite players;

15           WHEREAS, his love and dedication to the sport as demonstrated by his  
16 outstanding performances exhilarated fans, inspired generations of athletes, and  
17 contributed immensely to the growth of Philippine basketball;

18           WHEREAS, Lim is widely regarded as one of the most accomplished basketball  
19 players who brought joy, pride and honor to the country, and merits the recognition  
20 of the Philippine Senate. His passing is an immense loss not only to his family, but to  
21 the entire nation as well;

22           NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate,  
23 to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the  
24 Philippines on the passing of Filipino basketball icon "The Skywalker" Avelino  
25 "Samboy" Lim;

26           RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the  
27 bereaved family of the late Avelino "Samboy" Lim.

*Adopted,*

  
**JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA**