

FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC)  
OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
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SENATE  
Resolution No. 71

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Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**COMMENDING THE SAN MIGUEL-PILIPINAS NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM**  
**FOR THEIR VALIANT EFFORT AND DETERMINATION TO BRING HONOR TO**  
**THE COUNTRY THROUGH THEIR LAUDABLE PERFORMANCE IN THE 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FIBA ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN**

WHEREAS, the San Miguel-Pilipinas National Basketball Team competed in the 24<sup>th</sup> FIBA Asia Championship for Men from 28 July to 5 August 2007 in Tokushima, Japan;

WHEREAS, the Team was composed of players Mark Caguoia, Danny Seigle, Jimmy Alapag, Dondon Hontiveros, Asi Taulava, Kelly Williams, Gabe Norwood, Mike Pennisi, Kerby Raymundo, Tony Helterbrand, Ren-Ren Ritualo, and Eric Menk, and the Coaching Staff headed by Vincent "Chot" Reyes;

WHEREAS, the tournament displayed remarkable basketball prowess from the Philippines, Iran, Lebanon, Korea, Kazakhstan, Jordan, Chinese Taipei, Qatar, Japan, China, Syria, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Kuwait, India, and the United Arab Emirates who all fought for the coveted title;

WHEREAS, through the skillful performance of its members, the Team won five of its seven games, beating basketball giant China twice, which, needless to say, is a feat in itself;

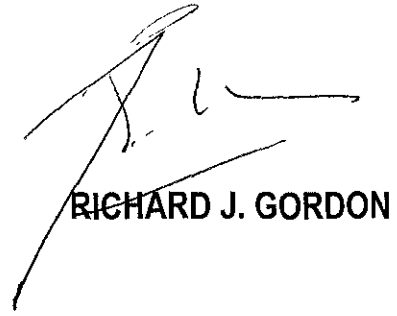
WHEREAS, the Team achieved this outstanding accomplishment despite the odds and the obstacles which came their way during their preparations for the tournament;

WHEREAS, the Team's triumph is the triumph of the Filipino people, that no hindrance and no amount of disparagement will ever dampen our spirit as a people, and that we will continue to excel and hurdle seemingly insurmountable barriers against all odds;

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this Chamber honor the San Miguel-Pilipinas National Basketball Team for its singular accomplishment in the 24<sup>th</sup> FIBA Asia Championship for Men. Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, as it is hereby resolved,* to commend San Miguel-Pilipinas National Basketball Team for its valiant effort and determination in bringing honor to the country through its laudable performance in the 24<sup>th</sup> FIBA Asia Championship for Men

*Approved,*



**RICHARD J. GORDON**