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RESOLUTION No. 219

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM
GILAS PILIPINAS FOR WINNING THE GOLD
MEDAL IN THE 19TH ASIAN GAMES HELD IN
HANGZHOU, CHINA AND RECLAIMING THE
CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AFTER
SIXTY-ONE (61) YEARS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has consistently recognized outstanding Filipinos who bring honor and glory to the nation through their remarkable feats and prestigious awards;

WHEREAS, the Asian Games is a quadrennial continental multi-sport event considered as the biggest and most

prestigious athletic tournament in the region. The 19th edition of the Asiad was held in Hangzhou, China from 23 September to 08 October 2023, and was participated by more than 12,000 athletes from 45 countries in Asia;

WHEREAS, the national basketball team, Gilas Pilipinas, composed of Justin Brownlee, Ange Kouame, June Mar Fajardo, Scottie Thompson, Japeth Aguilar, Chris Newsome, Calvin Oftana, CJ Perez, Chris Ross, Arvin Tolentino, Kevin Alas, and Marcio Lassiter, won the regional championship title after sixty-one years in the finals match against Jordan (70-60) held on 06 October 2023 in Hangzhou Olympic Sports Center;

WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas booked their spot at the finals after a sensational and nail-biting victory against the defending champion and host country People's Republic of China via a 77-76 playoff last 04 October 2023. Team Philippines' finals appearance was the first in 33 years, since the country played against China in the 1990 Beijing Games, when it settled for a second-place finish;

WHEREAS, the triumph of Gilas Pilipinas delivered the country's fourth gold medal in the 19th Asian Games, following the victories of Ernest John Obiena in Men's Pole Vault, Margarita Ochoa in Jiu-jitsu Women's 48-kg class, Annie Ramirez in Jiu-jitsu Women's 57-kg class;

WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas won for the historic fifth 5x5 men's basketball regional championship crown, after the 1951 Games in New Delhi, India; 1954 Games in Manila, Philippines; 1958 Games in Tokyo, Japan; and the 1962 Games in Jakarta, Indonesia;

WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas' historic victory and long-awaited gold medal performance deserve to be celebrated by a Filipino nation that fervently embraces basketball as one of its beloved sports;

WHEREAS, our exemplary athletes become role models for the younger generation to also take up sports as a worthwhile endeavor and to foster physical health, self-discipline, strength of character, perseverance, and excellence;

WHEREAS, the success of Gilas Pilipinas, which brings immense pride and honor to the country and exalts the overall image of the nation, merits the highest commendation from the Philippines Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend and congratulate the Philippine national basketball team Gilas Pilipinas for winning the gold medal in the 19th Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China and reclaiming the continental championship title after sixty-one (61) years.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be given to each of the players, coaches, and the entire team of Gilas Pilipinas.

Adopted,



FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on November 5, 2024.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.

Secretary of the Senate