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## RESOLUTION No. 62

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE WOMEN'S NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "FILIPINAS," FOR QUALIFYING IN THE 2023 WOMEN'S FIFA WORLD CUP FOLLOWING THEIR HISTORIC QUARTERFINAL WIN AGAINST CHINESE-TAIPEI IN THE AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP IN PUNE, INDIA

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has consistently extended due recognition and commendation to our Filipino athletes for their excellent performance in their chosen sport;

Whereas, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Asian Cup is an association football competition that is considered as the second largest continental football championship in the world, participated by members of the AFC, which determines the football champion of Asia;

Whereas, last 30 January 2022, the Philippine Women's National Football Team, also known as "Filipinas," fearlessly battled and won against Chinese-Taipei in the quarterfinal of the AFC Women's Asian Cup at the Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Pune, India;

Whereas, this victory allowed them to qualify for the 2023 Women's FIFA World Cup, the first time for any Philippine Football team, either men's or women's, to secure a spot in the FIFA World Cup;

Whereas, the *Filipinas*' historic journey to qualify for the 2023 Women's FIFA World Cup showcased their vigor and prowess, having topped its group in the qualification round in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in September 2021 and winning its matches against Thailand and Indonesia in the group stage, only losing to Australia;

Whereas, thereafter, the *Filipinas* debuted in the semi-finals in a match against South Korea in February 2022, the Philippines' first ever appearance in the AFC Women's Asian Cup semi-finals;

WHEREAS, following their stellar performance in the AFC, the *Filipinas* moved from the 64<sup>th</sup> to 54<sup>th</sup> rank in the FIFA World Rankings. As of the latest FIFA rankings released on 24 March 2023, they are currently ranked 49<sup>th</sup>;

Whereas, through hard work, determination, and perseverance, the *Filipinas* were able to qualify in the Women's FIFA World Cup, bringing honor and pride to the nation and proving the undeniable talent and skills of Filipino athletes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate and commend the Philippine Women's National Football Team, also known as the "Filipinas," for qualifying

in the 2023 Women's FIFA World Cup following their historic quarterfinal win against Chinese-Taipei in the AFC Women's Asian Cup in Pune, India.

Adopted,

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 15, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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