

Republic of the Philippines
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Senate

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RESOLUTION NO. 68

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL MEN'S BASKETBALL
TEAM GILAS PILIPINAS FOR WINNING THE
GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2023 SOUTHEAST ASIAN
GAMES MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, the Philippine national basketball team has traditionally dominated the men's basketball event at the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games), winning 18 golds of the 21 events since the sport was first played in 1977;

WHEREAS, the Philippines' 30-year winning streak was temporarily halted in 2021 when the national team bagged only

the silver medal and lost to Indonesia in the Men's Basketball Championship during the 2021 SEA Games;

WHEREAS, fueled by the determination to reclaim the crown, the Philippine national men's basketball team, Gilas Pilipinas, once again bagged the gold medal in the 2023 SEA Games Men's Basketball Championship at the Modorok Techo Elephant Hall 2 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia;

WHEREAS, despite the lack of a suitable practice facility and having to play in an oven-hot venue, Gilas Pilipinas defeated host team Cambodia with a decisive 80-69 victory on the last day of the tournament;

WHEREAS, with this win of Gilas Pilipinas in the Men's Basketball Championship, it not only earned for the Philippines its 19th Men's Basketball Title, it likewise gained for the Philippine delegation its 56th gold medal of the 2023 SEA Games;

WHEREAS, the team is composed of Justin Brownlee, Christian Standhardinger, Brandon Ganuelas-Rosser, Chris Newsome, Calvin Oftana, Arvin Tolentino, Marcio Lassiter, CJ Perez, Chris Ross, Michael Phillips, Jerom Lastimoso, Mason Amos along with head coach Chot Reyes and assistant coaches Tim Cone and Jong Uichico;

WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas' victory is a testament to the Philippines' growing reputation in the world of basketball. Gilas' win not only cements their position as one of the top teams in the region but also puts them in an excellent position to compete on the global stage;

WHEREAS, the exemplary performance of Gilas Pilipinas deserves the highest praise, recognition, and commendation for bringing pride and inspiration to the Filipino people and for showing to the world the unrelenting spirit of Filipino sports excellence: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate and commend Gilas Pilipinas National Team for

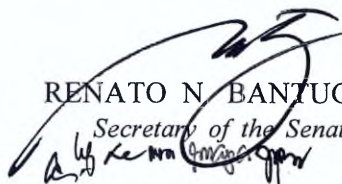
winning the Gold Medal in the 2023 Southeast Asian Games Men's Basketball Championship.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 31, 2023.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

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