

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Senate

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RESOLUTION NO. 80

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
THE FILIPINAS WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM
FOR THEIR PHENOMENAL PERFORMANCE,
AND HISTORIC VICTORY AGAINST THE NEW
ZEALAND TEAM, IN THE 2023 FIFA WOMEN'S
WORLD CUP HELD IN WELLINGTON, NEW
ZEALAND

WHEREAS, Section 19(1) of Article XIV of the Constitution mandates that "The State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry";

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate takes great pride in acknowledging and celebrating the exceptional achievements of Filipino athletes who have brought honor and glory to our nation;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Women's National Football Team (PWNFT), also known as the *Filipinas*, won the respect and admiration of Filipinos and football fans around the world in their debut appearance at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup;

WHEREAS, the campaign of the *Filipinas* in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup was highlighted by their historic first goal and first win against New Zealand, World Rank No. 26 and the tournament's co-host country, with a full-time score of 1-0 at the Wellington Regional Stadium on 25 July 2023;

WHEREAS, the *Filipinas'* first goal and win were sealed through a header by Sarina Bolden in the 24th minute mark of the first half that was set up from a cross by Sara Eggesvik;

WHEREAS, the *Filipinas'* win was also anchored on the solid defense mounted by the team, particularly the outstanding performance of keeper, Olivia McDaniel, who was later declared as the Visa Player of the Match;

WHEREAS, the coaching staff led by Coach Alen Stajcic and team manager Jefferson Cheng also provided unwavering support, dedication, exceptional expertise, and guidance that have been instrumental in preparing and leading the team to this historic win;

WHEREAS, this triumphant achievement resonates deeply with the Filipino people, as it not only showcases the team's prowess on the global stage but also symbolizes the resilience and indomitable spirit of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, this historic victory also serves as an inspiration and motivation to future generations of athletes, emphasizing the power of hard work, dedication, and unity in reaching extraordinary heights in the world of sports;

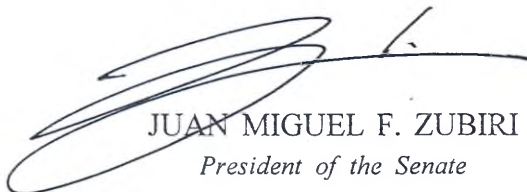
WHEREAS, the *Filipinas* concluded their FIFA Women's World Cup run when they lost against Norway (World Rank No. 12), amidst the cheers of their supporters in the stadium who gave them a standing ovation for their performance as well as those who watched from their homes and elsewhere;

WHEREAS, the *Filipinas* continue to write Philippine sports HERstory by breaking barriers and excelling in football at the global stage, inspiring and captivating the hearts of people from different parts of the world;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and befitting that we extend our recognition and congratulate the *Filipinas* who have exemplified excellence and distinction, thereby bringing prestige and glory to our nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend and congratulate the *Filipinas* women's football team for their phenomenal performance, and historic victory against the New Zealand team, in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup held in Wellington, New Zealand.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 7, 2023.



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Secretary of the Senate