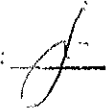


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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MANILA WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR WINNING THE BIG LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN, USA, LAST 09 AUGUST 2012

WHEREAS, the Manila Women's Softball Team of the Philippines took home the country's first Big League Softball World Series Title by winning the Championship held in Vandenberg Park, Kalamazoo, Michigan, United States of America (USA) last 09 August 2011 (Thursday), Philippine Standard Time (PST);

WHEREAS, the Philippine Team, which represented the Asia-Pacific Region, dominated the United States-West representative - Westchester, California, with a lopsided 14-2 victory, in a championship match telecast nationally in the USA, with the game beamed by ESPN2 Sports worldwide¹;

WHEREAS, this is the first time that the Philippines won the Big League Softball World Series Title after finishing as runner up thrice in the same event in 2008, 2010, and 2011, although the Philippines has previously won the Junior League of the Softball World Series in 2003²;

WHEREAS, the Philippine softball team consisted of thirteen (13) players composed of varsity players from Adamson University, University of Santo Tomas (UST), University of the East (UE) and the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP);

WHEREAS, the sad truth is that the team almost did not make it to the World Series due to lack of government funding and "*only managed to leave for tournaments at the eleventh hour*,"

¹ Percy D. Della. Saturday, August 11th, 2012. *Manila lasses Big League Softball World Series champs at last*. Information retrieved from <http://sports.inquirer.net/57627/manila-lasses-big-league-softball-world-series-champs-at-last> on 12 August 2012.

² *Philippines Women Softball Team Bring Home 'Softball World Series' Title*. Information retrieved from <http://www.quotednews.com/2012/08/11/philippines-women-softball-team-bring-home-softball-world-series-title/> on 12 August 2012.

showing up just a day before the opening and playing through jetlag” and moreover, the team “did not have the full complement of fifteen (15) players in its squad because of lack of funds”³;

WHEREAS, even with perennial problem of lack of government funding, the team managed to participate in the tournament and showed the whole world the perseverance, moral courage and competitive spirit of Filipinos, relying principally on the generosity of supporters, including the Filipino-American community in Kalamazoo;

WHEREAS, the Manila Women’s Softball Team, managed by Ms. Ana Santiago and assisted by George Barredo and Sherrylou Valenzuela, dedicated its triumph to the countless Filipinos affected by the recent devastating floods because in an extraordinary turn of events, its victory was actually achieved at about the same time that the Philippines battled with the massive floods brought about by the heavy rainfall due to the South-West Monsoon induced by Typhoon Gener;

WHEREAS, this signal achievement is expected to encourage and boost the public’s interest in amateur sports like softball and baseball, where Filipinos can actually perform well, dominate and excel;

WHEREAS, this exceptional showing and unparalleled achievement of the Manila Women’s Softball Team deserves to be congratulated and its officials and players deserve the highest commendation for the honor, pride and recognition they have brought to our country and our people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to congratulate and commend the Manila Women’s Softball Team of the Philippines, as well as all of its team officials, players and staff, for winning the Big League Softball World Series Championship held in Kalamazoo, Michigan, United States of America (USA) last 09 August 2012 (PST).

Adopted,

ANTONIO “SONNY F. TRILLANES IV
Senator

³ Cedelf P. Tupas. Sunday, August 12th, 2012. Heartbreak finally ends for 2 Bacolod softbelles, Information retrieved from <http://sports.inquirer.net/57809/heartbreak-finally-ends-for-2-bacolod-softbelles> on 12 August 2012.