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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

## RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE SMART-GILAS PILIPINAS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 34<sup>TH</sup> WILLIAM JONES CUP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON 26 AUGUST 2012.

**WHEREAS,** the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their astonishing feat of bringing home pride and glory to the country by becoming champions in international sporting competitions;

WHEREAS, the Smart-Gilas Pilipinas Basketball Team made the country proud when it captured the 34<sup>th</sup> William Jones Cup Basketball Tournament in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China on 26 August 2012;

WHEREAS, the National Team was composed of Ranidel De Ocampo, Larry Fonacier, Sonny Thoss, LA Tenorio, Mac Baracael, Jeff Chan, Gabe Norwood, Enrico Villanueva, Gary David, Jay-R Reyes, and Sol Mercado with naturalized center Marcus Douthit, former San Beda sharpshooter Garvo Lanete, Filipino-American point guard Matthew Rosser and Coach Chot Reyes;

**WHEREAS,** by winning this international tournament, the Smart-Gilas Pilipinas Basketball Team has made our country proud and has shown to the world the spirit of Filipino competitiveness and excellence;

**WHEREAS**, this outstanding performance by our Filipino cagers deserves to be commended for the honor and recognition they have brought to our country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend the Smart-Gilas Pilipinas Basketball Team for winning the 34<sup>th</sup> William Jones Cup Basketball Tournament in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China on 26 August 2012.

Adopted,

