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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE SMART GILAS PILIPINAS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING SECOND PLACE IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED FIBA ASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE MALL OF ASIA ARENA, PASAY CITY

WHEREAS, the Philippines has again asserted its prominence as an Asian basketball powerhouse by winning the Silver Medal in the recently concluded FIBA Asia Championships at the Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City on August 11, 2013;

WHEREAS, this celebrated win of the national team ensured the Smart Gilas Pilipinas outright qualification to the 2014 FIBA World Championships in Spain, a feat last achieved by the country in 1973;

WHEREAS, the hunger to compete in the world stage further energized the fighting spirit of the Philippine Team and drove them to clinch a spot in the world championships when they bested arch nemesis and long time adversary South Korean Team which has rivaled the national team's campaign in the 2002 Asian Games and the 2011 FIBA Asia Championships;

WHEREAS, despite being undermanned after suffering injuries towards the end of the tourney, the remaining members of Smart Gilas Pilipinas fought gallantly in the finals against the stronger and dominant team of the Republic of Iran;

WHEREAS, the silver medal finish during the FIBA Asia Championships and the ticket to the FIBA World Cup showed the overcoming spirit of Filipino talent and nationalism, and filled every Filipino spectator --- both the 20,000 capacity-packing crowd at the Mall of Asia Arena and the millions of viewers excitedly cheering behind the Philippine 5 with nationalistic pride as team Gilas Pilipinas displayed true hearts of champions throughout the campaign;

WHEREAS, this achievement by Smart Gilas Pilipinas is a source of pride and honor for the country as it takes the path of resurgence for Philippine recognition as home to the greatest basketball players, not only in Asia but of the world as well;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulate and commend the Smart Gilas Pilipinas Basketball Team for momentarily winning second place in the recently concluded FIBA Asia Championships at the Mall of Asia Arena, Pasay City.

Adopted,


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