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RESOLUTION

**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE OUTGOING SAMAHANG BASKETBALL
NG PILIPINAS (SBP) BOARD MEMBERS LED BY OUTGOING OFFICERS
NAMELY—PRESIDENT MANNY V. PANGILINAN, CHAIRMAN OSCAR MORENO
AND VICE-CHAIRMAN RICKY VARGAS FOR SBP'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND
INVALUABLE SUPPORT TO PHILIPPINE BASKETBALL**

WHEREAS, the outgoing Samahang Basketball ng Pilipinas (SBP) Board of Trustees and Officers were responsible for effectively managing the country's basketball operations which includes national teams and the various grassroots programs in different regions of the country. They started the four cornerstone programs of the association namely the (1) Gilas Program, (2) grassroots development, (3) three-on-three and (4) women's basketball;

WHEREAS, Manny V. Pangilinan was instrumental in unifying the then fragmented basketball organization which had caused a Fédération Internationale de Basketball (FIBA) suspension in 2007 from participation in FIBA-sanctioned events. Mr. Pangilinan was a key figure in the formation of the SBP leading to FIBA lifting our country's suspension and ushering a golden decade in basketball under his exemplary tutelage and generosity;

WHEREAS, under the leadership of outgoing President Manny V. Pangilinan, the men's FIBA world ranking rose from 64th in the previous decade to its current rank of 28th. The Gilas Pilipinas is currently the 3rd best basketball team in Asia behind China ranking 14th and Iran ranking 17th. This improvement is also shared by the women's basketball team, Perlas Pilipinas, whose rank rose from 58th in the previous rankings to its current 49th. The Perlas Pilipinas further secured a Level 1 Promotion in the 2015 FIBA Asia Championship;


WHEREAS, the men's Philippine basketball team, Gilas Pilipinas reached the FIBA World Cup for the first time in 36 years. Gilas Pilipinas won two straight silver medals in the 2013 and 2015 FIBA Asia Championships;

WHEREAS, youth basketball teams were given enough support that Batang Gilas earned a ticket to the 2014 FIBA World Under-17 Championship—the country's first appearance in the tournament;

WHEREAS, with the foundation that the outgoing board has built through selfless dedication and passion for the game and love of country. Philippine basketball stands on solid ground for future Filipino basketball players;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines recognizes and commends the outgoing SBP Board of Trustees and Offices led by outgoing officers—namely, President Manny V. Pangilinan, Chairman Oscar Moreno and Vice-Chairman Ricky Vargas—for SBP's achievements and invaluable support to Philippine basketball.

Adopted.



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