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RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE
SAMAHANG BASKETBOL NG PILIPINAS (SBP) IN THEIR EFFORTS TO
SPEARHEAD THE PHILIPPINES' BID TO HOST THE 2023 FIBA WORLD CUP

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1932, the *Federation Internationale de Basketball* (International Basketball Federation) or FIBA has been the world's governing body for basketball and is recognized as the sole competent authority in basketball by the International Olympic Committee (IOC);

WHEREAS, FIBA organizes and oversees international competitions which include the Olympic Basketball Tournament, the 3x3 Basketball, and the organization's flagship event – the FIBA Basketball World Cup;

WHEREAS, through these tournaments and events, FIBA brings together 213 National Basketball Federations from all over the world, including the Philippines which has been a member of the organization since 1936;

WHEREAS, based on the FIBA World Ranking, the Philippines ranks 43rd out of the 132 countries. The country also ranks 6th out of the 32 Asian countries participating in FIBA tournaments, ahead of countries such as India, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Lebanon, Indonesia, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to name a few;¹

WHEREAS, with the upcoming 2023 FIBA World Cup, the FIBA governing body will allow the provision of multiple countries hosting the group phase of the games;

WHEREAS, through the efforts of the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas (SBP) Chairman Emeritus Manuel V. Pangilinan, SBP President Alfredo Panlilio, SBP Executive Director Renaud "Sonny" Barrios, and the entire SBP family, the Philippines has made it to the shortlist of candidates vying to be the host country for the 2023 World Cup together with Indonesia and Japan;

WHEREAS, Indonesia and Japan have proposed to host the group stages of the tournament before turning over to the Philippines for the semi-finals and finals of the basketball event;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has shown its capability to accommodate FIBA tournaments since it has successfully hosted the 2014 FIBA 3x3 World Tour Manila Masters, the 2016 FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament, and the 2013 FIBA Asia Championship in which our national team – the Gilas Pilipinas – yielded the silver medal finish;

¹ http://www.fiba.basketball/rankingcombined#tab=fiba_asia

WHEREAS, the SBP is confident that the Philippines is in compliance with the key requirements in hosting the FIBA World Cup, noting the numerous venues capable of catering to the technical requirements of international tournaments;

WHEREAS, the upcoming 2023 FIBA World Cup will be another grand avenue for the many basketball-loving Filipinos to show not only their support for the national team but for the sport in general, should we be granted the hosting rights. Furthermore, an international tournament of this magnitude will undoubtedly attract the attention of foreign basketball fans, tourists, and media which will then translate to numerous benefits for the country in terms of international recognition and tourism revenue;

WHEREFORE, RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines expresses its support to the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas (SBP) in their efforts to spearhead the Philippines' bid to host the 2023 FIBA World Cup.

Adopted,



SONNY ANGARA