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SENATE

P. S. RES. NO. 822

Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM, GILAS PILIPINAS, FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 19TH ASIAN GAMES, ENDING THE COUNTRY'S 61-YEAR TITLE DROUGHT

WHEREAS, the Philippine Men's National Basketball Team, Gilas Pilipinas, won the gold medal in the 5x5 basketball event of the 19th Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China from 25 September to 06 October 2023;

WHEREAS, this is the country's fifth gold medal in the basketball tournament of the quadrennial regional games and the first since the 1962 Asian Games, ending the country's 61-year title drought;

WHEREAS, the 12-man lineup of Gilas Pilipinas which secured the gold medal for the Philippines in the 19th Asian Games was composed of Japeth Aguilar, Kevin Louie Alas, Justin Brownlee, Junemar Fajardo, Angelo Kouame, Marcio Lassiter, Chris Newsome, Calvin Oftana, Christian Jaymar "CJ" Perez, Christopher Ross, Earl Scottie Thompson, and Arvin Tolentino;

WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas was led by head coach Earl Timothy Cone and assistant coaches Richard del Rosario, Jong Uichico, Josh Reyes, and LA Tenorio;

WHEREAS, in the gold medal match held on 06 October 2023, Gilas Pilipinas beat Jordan, 70-60, led by Brownlee's 20 points, 10 rebounds, and five assists, as well as the gallant performances by Kouame, Newsome, and Thompson;

WHEREAS, en route to the gold medal game, Gilas Pilipinas defeated China, after trailing by 20 points, in a dramatic come-from-behind win, 77-76, behind Brownlee's heroics who finished with 33 points, including the last eight of the game and the go-ahead triple with 23.3 seconds left;

WHEREAS, in the quarterfinals, Gilas Pilipinas displayed composure and denied Iran's massive comeback, 84-83, to clinch the country's first Asian Games semifinal berth in 21 years;

WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas dominated Qatar, 80-41, in the qualification round for the quarterfinals, led by Fajardo and Perez' 12 points each;

WHEREAS, in the Group C of the preliminary round, Gilas Pilipinas finished with a 2-1 record after beating Bahrain, 89-61, and Thailand, 87-72, before losing to Jordan, 62-87, on the way to the knockout round;

WHEREAS, despite going through adversities in coming up with a lineup and only two weeks to prepare, Gilas Pilipinas did not let setbacks take their eyes off the goal to win the gold medal in this year's edition of the Asian Games;

WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas brought great pride and honor to the country, delighting millions of Filipino basketball followers around the world as they once again ruled Asian basketball after more than six decades;

WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas displayed determination, discipline, resilience, and perseverance and their outstanding performance deserves the highest praise, recognition, and commendation as they showed the world the indefatigable spirit of Filipino basketball excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to congratulate and commend the Philippine Men's National Basketball Team, Gilas Pilipinas, for winning the gold medal in the 19th Asian Games, ending the country's 61-year title drought.

Adopted,


JOEL VILLANUEVA