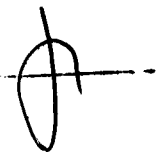


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Introduced by Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino

RESOLUTION

**COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM GILAS PILIPINAS FOR WINNING THE GOLD
MEDAL IN THE 19TH ASIAN GAMES**

1 **WHEREAS**, on 06 October 2023, the Gilas Pilipinas Team reclaimed the men's
2 basketball gold after its 70-60 win against Jordan at the 19th Asian Games in
3 Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre, China;¹

4 **WHEREAS**, this historic victory for the Philippines has been long awaited as it
5 has been 61 years since the country last had a gold medal in the Men's Basketball
6 game in the 1962 Asian Games;

7 **WHEREAS**, the Gilas Pilipinas Team started its short two-week training at the
8 PhilSports Arena on 11 September 2023, and transferred to the Inspire Sports
9 Academy in Calamba, Laguna on 17 September 2023 for an intensive closed-door
10 training prior to their departure for the Asian Games on 23 September 2023;²

11 **WHEREAS**, the Philippines Gilas Team was placed in Group C, together with
12 Bahrain, Thailand, and Jordan³, with a 12-man lineup composed of Japeth Paul
13 Aguilar, Justin Brownlee, June Mar Fajardo, Angelo Kakaou Kouame, Christopher
14 Michael Ross, Calvin Oftana, Christian Jaymar Perez, Marcio, Earl Scottie Thompson,
15 Arvin Tolentino, and Kevin Louie Alas, along with Tim Cone as Head Coach;

¹<https://www.pba.ph/news/gilas-pilipinas-defeats-jordan-to-win-first-asiad-basketball-gold-in-61-years>

² <https://mb.com.ph/2023/9/16/gilas-asiad-preps-shift-to-higher-gear-in-laguna>

³https://www.espn.ph/basketball/gilas/story/_/id/38455829/gilas-pilipinas-medal-path-2023-asian-games

1 **WHEREAS**, against all odds, Gilas Pilipinas rebounded from a loss to Jordan
2 during the September 30, 2023 game, and successively defeated Qatar with a 80-41⁴
3 win, Iran with a score of 84-83⁵, and China with a score of 77-76⁶, before facing it off
4 again with Jordan wherein they claimed the gold medal with a significant 70-60 win;

5 **WHEREAS**, in all its games, Gilas Pilipinas lived up to its trademark "PUSO"
6 by fighting with so much heart, thereby bringing pride and joy to this country and its
7 basketball loving population;

8 **WHEREAS**, the Gilas team also showed their "NEVER SAY DIE ATTITUDE" that
9 endeared them to Filipino basketball fans particularly *Justin Brownlee*, who delivered
10 the back to back three points shots in their win from behind against China, which
11 sealed their championship match against Jordan;

12 **WHEREAS**, this representation had the honor to sponsor before this August
13 Chamber the naturalization of Justin Donta Brownlee, which culminated with the
14 enactment on January 12, 2023 of Republic Act No. 11937 granting him Philippine
15 citizenship;

16 **WHEREAS**, in my sponsorship speech then, I remembered saying that "Mr.
17 Justin Donta Brownlee has exemplified - an exceptional basketball player and a role
18 model for the Filipino youth as well as for the whole nation" and that "he has embraced
19 our Filipino culture, as well as embodied the Filipino values of perseverance,
20 determination and dedication to his craft." Indeed, our decision to welcome and
21 recognize him as a Filipino citizen was well worth it;

22 **WHEREAS**, Brownlee together with the rest of the Gilas team showcased these
23 traits and true Filipino sportsmanship as they claimed the gold medal in both the Asian
24 Games, and also during the last SEA Games thereby regaining the Philippines' past
25 glory in the world of Asian basketball;

26 **WHEREAS**, these selfless efforts, never say die attitude, and PUSO of Team
27 Gilas Pilipinas prove that with the right attitude, mindset of winning and camaraderie
28 between and among the players, coaches and other support staffs, the Philippine
29 basketball program will have a brighter future, and can achieve even greater heights
30 in the field of men's basketball; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

⁴ <https://olympics.com/en/news/asian-games-2023-philippines-qatar-basketball>

⁵ <https://www.spin.ph/multisport/asian-games/gilas-pilipinas-versus-iran-in-asiad-basketball-quarterfinals-a793-20231003>

⁶ <https://sports.inquirer.net/532487/gilas-rallies-to-beat-china-advances-to-asian-games-gold-medal-match>

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved,** for the Senate of the Philippines to
2 commend and congratulate as it hereby commends and congratulates the Philippine
3 National Men's Basketball Team Gilas for winning the gold medal in the recently
4 concluded 19th Asian Games.
- 5 **Resolved further,** that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to each and every
6 players, coaches and other support staff of Team Gilas Pilipinas.

Adopted,


FRANCIS "TOL" N. TOLENTINO
Senator 