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Introduced by **SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO**

**A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE GILAS PILIPINAS
MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR BRINGING PRIDE AND HONOR TO THE
COUNTRY BY WINNING SILVER IN THE 2013 FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL
BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (FIBA) ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP OR THE 27TH ASIAN
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN THE PHILIPPINES FROM
AUGUST 1-11, 2013**

WHEREAS, the Gilas Pilipinas Men's Basketball Team recently won silver in the 2013 FIBA Asia Championship or the 27th Asian Basketball Championship held in the Philippines from August 1-11, 2013;

WHEREAS, the feat highlights the decades-old journey of the Philippines to make a comeback in the world basketball stage as the country had to wait 28 years to re-enter the FIBA Asia Championship and 35 years to return to the FIBA World Championship;

WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas performed consistently during the tournament, winning six out of seven games throughout the elimination and semi-finals, until it reached the finals where it was overmatched by two-time champion Iran;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, which is currently No.45 in the FIBA world rankings was able to beat higher ranked teams, including Jordan (30), South Korea (33), Japan (35) and Qatar (36);

WHEREAS, the team, composed of Jimmy Alapag, LA Tenorio, Jeff Chan, Jayson William, Gary David, Ranidel de Ocampo, Gabe Norwood, Marcus Douthit, Larry Fonacier, Junemar Fajardo, Japeth Aguilar, and Marc Pingris, and the coaching

staff consisting of Jong Uichico, Ryan Gregorio, Nash Racela, Josh Reyes, Norman Black and Head Coach Chot Reyes, each deserve praise and respect for displaying the true heart of a champion and rising above all the challenges encountered during the whole stretch of the tournament;

WHEREAS, the success of Gilas Pilipinas also became possible through the guidance and support of the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas under the leadership of business leader and sports patron Manny V. Pangilinan;

WHEREAS, faced by the odds of playing against taller teams as well as various injuries sustained by its top players, Gilas Pilipinas still managed to reach the finals using their athleticism, teamwork and heart;

WHEREAS, the achievement of Gilas Pilipinas has bestowed honor and pride to our country and the Filipino people and is a testament of the Filipino's world-class excellence and competitive spirit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to congratulate and commend the Gilas Pilipinas National Basketball Team for bringing pride and honor to the Philippines by winning silver in the 2013 FIBA Asia Championship or the 27th Asian Basketball Championship held in the Philippines on August 11, 2013.

Adopted,


PIA S. CAYETANO
Senator