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## Introduced by SENATOR SONNY ANGARA

## RESOLUTION

## COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM GILAS PILIPINAS FOR CLINCHING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2017 SEABA MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, the Philippine national men's basketball team Gilas Pilipinas clinched the gold medal in the 2017 SEABA Men's Championship at the Smart Araneta Coliseum on May 18, 2017;

WHEREAS, the host team defeated Indonesia with a convincing 97-64 victory on the last day of the tournament, sweeping the 2017 SEABA Championship with a 6-0 finish;

WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas showcased supreme dominance in this year's SEABA Championship, winning by an average margin of 58.6 points—Myanmar, 147-40; Singapore, 113-66; Malaysia, 106-51; Thailand, 108-53, Vietnam, 107-52; and, Indonesia, 97-64;

WHEREAS, the Gilas Pilipinas gained its 8<sup>th</sup> SEABA title with a 36-game win streak since 1996, retaining its status as king of ASEAN basketball and formalizing its entry into the FIBA Asia Cup in August in Lebanon and the Asian Qualifiers in November, which will determine the countries to compete in the 2019 FIBA World Cup;

WHEREAS, the team is composed of naturalized player Andray Blatche, Jayson Castro, Terrence Romeo, Japeth Aguilar, June Mar Fajardo, Troy Rosario, RR Pogoy, Calvin Abueva, Matthew Wright, Allein Maliksi, Jio Jalalon, and Raymond Almazan, along with head coach Chot Reyes and assistant coaches Jong Uichico, Josh Reyes, and Jimmy Alapag, and team manager Butch Antonio;

WHEREAS, the Gilas Pilipinas continues to bring pride and honor, and deserves to be commended for their remarkable showing in front of a home crowd;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulate the Philippine national men's basketball team Gilas Pilipinas for ruling the 2017 SEABA Men's Championship and earning a ticket to the FIBA Asia Cup.

Adopted.

**SONNY ANGARA**