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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ATENEO DE MANILA
UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MEN'S
BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR THEIR STELLAR PERFORMANCE IN THE
RECENTLY CONCLUDED UAAP MEN'S BASKETBALL FINALS FURTHER
ELEVATING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF COLLEGIATE SPORTS IN THE
COUNTRY

1 WHEREAS, the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) is an
2 athletic association comprised of eight-member schools namely: Adamson University
3 (AdU), Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU), De La Salle University (DLSU), Far
4 Eastern University (FEU), National University (NU), University of the East (UE),
5 University of the Philippines – Diliman (UP), and University of Santo Tomas (UST);

6 WHEREAS, UAAP Men's Basketball has always been one of the highlight
7 events of the season, pitting the best and the brightest cagers from all over the
8 Philippines and the rest of the world and garnering massive support from students,
9 patrons and university alumni;

10 WHEREAS, for the 81st iteration of the UAAP Men's Basketball Finals dubbed
11 as the "Battle of Katipunan," the ADMU Blue Eagles edged the UP Fighting Maroons
12 after winning the first two matches of a three-game series;

13 WHEREAS, the Ateneo Blue Eagles, led by Coach Tab Baldwin and the Finals
14 Most Valuable Player (MVP) Thirdy Ravena III, showcased their veteran
15 championship experience after sweeping the UP Fighting Maroons – 88-79 in the first
16 game, and 99-81 in the second game to claim their back-to-back collegiate
17 championship;

18 WHEREAS, the UP Fighting Maroons, on the other hand, overcame naysayers
19 and made their first finals appearance since 1986. The team, led by Coach Bo Perasol
20 and team captain Paul Desiderio, has emerged as a serious contender after beating
21 the Adamson University Soaring Falcons who had, in fact, a twice to beat advantage
22 to get to finals – a far cry from 2013's 0-14 record thereby proving that there really is
23 nowhere to go but up;

1 WHEREAS, the performance of both teams has not only inspired a new rivalry
2 but has also helped further elevate the level of competitiveness in collegiate sports in
3 the country;

4 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines
5 congratulate and commend the Ateneo de Manila University and the University of the
6 Philippines Men's Basketball Teams for their stellar performance in the recently
7 concluded UAAP Men's Basketball Finals, further elevating the state of collegiate
8 sports in the country.

Adopted.



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