

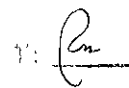
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Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE COACHING STAFF, OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF SMART GILAS II PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 34TH WILLIAM JONES CUP HELD IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN (REPUBLIC OF CHINA) LAST 26 AUGUST 2012**

**WHEREAS**, the Smart Gilas II Philippine National Basketball Team, which represented the Philippines, won the championship game in the recently concluded 34th Edition of the William Jones Cup, held in Taipei, Taiwan (Republic of China) last 26 August 2012;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Team sealed the country's fourth Championship win since 1998, after beating the powerhouse and crowd favorite US Team, 76-75, and "finished with seven wins against a lone setback in ruling one of the most popular cage events in the region;"<sup>1</sup>

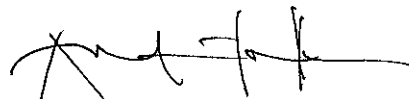
**WHEREAS**, the win marks the fourth time that the Philippines clinched the title in the tournament after the triumph of the Northern Consolidated Cement team some thirty (30) years ago in 1981, San Miguel Beer team in 1985 and the Philippine Centennial Team in 1998;

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 Philippine team is headed by Coach Chot Reyes and composed mostly of professional players from the Philippine Basketball Association namely Enrico Villanueva (Barangay Ginebra), Gabe Norwood (Rain or Shine), Gary David (Powerade), Jeff Chan (Rain or Shine), LA Tenorio (Alaska), Larry Fonacier (Talk N Text), Mac Baracael (Alaska), Ranidel De Ocampo (Talk N Text), Sol Mercado (Meralco) and Sonny Thoss (Alaska); naturalized player Marcus Douthit, and non-pros Fil-Am Matt Rosser and San Beda player Garvo Lanete<sup>2</sup> which was supported by the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas (SBP) President Manuel V. Pangilinan and Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines (ABAP) headed by Victorio P. Vargas;

**WHEREAS**, the valiant effort shown by the Philippine team in securing the victory is seen as a meaningful and redeeming win as it marks the resurgence of Philippine basketball and reclaims the country's stature as a dominant force in Asian basketball;

**NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to congratulate and commend the coaching staff, officials and members of Smart Gilas II Philippine National Basketball Team for winning the recently concluded 34<sup>th</sup> William Jones Cup held in Taipei, Taiwan (Republic of China) last 26 August 2012.

Adopted,

  
ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV  
Senator

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<sup>1</sup> Musong R. Castillo. *Test of character, heart in Jones Cup*. Information retrieved from [Philippine Daily Inquirer: http://sports.inquirer.net/59886/test-of-character-heart-in-jones-cup](http://sports.inquirer.net/59886/test-of-character-heart-in-jones-cup) on 28 August 2012.

<sup>2</sup>Information retrieved from <http://smartgilasbasketball.com> on 28 August 2012..