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Introduced by Senator Pia S. Cayetano

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**A RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE SMART GILAS PHILIPPINE  
NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 34<sup>th</sup> WILLIAM JONES  
CUP IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN ON AUGUST 26, 2012**

**WHEREAS**, the Smart Gilas Philippine National Basketball Team won first place in the 2012 Jones Cup international tournament held in Taipei, Taiwan from August 18-26, 2012, with the participating teams from around Asia and America<sup>[1]</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the Smart Gilas team performed consistently during the tournament, winning seven out of eight games, and finally clinched the championship in their final game against a taller United States team<sup>[2]</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, after thirteen years of drought, the Philippines has once more taken home the Jones Cup championship<sup>[3]</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the team, composed of Mac Baracael, Jeff Chan, Gary David, Ranidel de Ocampo, Marcus Douthit, Larry Fonacier, Garvo Lanete, Sol Mercado, Gabe Norwood, JR Reyes, Matt Rosser, LA Tenorio, Sonny Thoss, and Enrico Villanueva<sup>[4]</sup>, and the coaching staff consisting of Jong Uichico, Ryan Gregorio, Nash Racela, Josh Reyes and Head Coach Chot Reyes<sup>[5]</sup>, each deserve praise for a job well done, and commendation for their inspiring display of athleticism and determination coupled with hard work, and heart;

**WHEREAS**, the achievement of the Smart Gilas team 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;

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<sup>[1]</sup><http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/271284/sports/basketball/led-by-tiny-tenorio-gilas-edges-usa-for-jones-cup-title>

<sup>[2]</sup><http://www.mb.com.ph/articles/371112/smartgilas-wins-jones-cup>

<sup>[3]</sup> *Ibid.*


<sup>[4]</sup><http://www.smartgilasbasketball.com/tournaments/smart-gilas-2-jones-cup-2012-recap/>

<sup>[5]</sup>[www.smartgilasbasketball.com/coaching-staff/](http://www.smartgilasbasketball.com/coaching-staff/)

**WHEREAS**, the Smart Gilas team serves as role models for the youth, encouraging them to participate and excel in sports as well as exemplifying the values of discipline, courage, perseverance and teamwork;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to congratulate and commend the Smart Gilas Philippine National Basketball Team for winning the 34<sup>th</sup> William Jones Cup in Taipei, Taiwan on August 26, 2012.

*Adopted,*

  
PIA S. CAYETANO  
Senator