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RESOLUTION NO. 80

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BID OF THE SAMAHANG BASKETBOL NG PILIPINAS (SBP) TO HOST THE 2023 FIBA WORLD CUP, AND ENJOINING THE GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND ITS FULL ASSISTANCE TO THE SBP'S EFFORTS

WHEREAS, FIBA or *Fédération Internationale de Basketball* (International Basketball Federation) is recognized as the sole competent authority in basketball by the International Olympic Committee and is composed of two hundred thirteen (213) national federations of basketball throughout the world;

WHEREAS, the FIBA Basketball World Cup is the flagship event of the International Basketball Federation;

WHEREAS, starting with the 2023 World Cup, the FIBA governing body will allow the multiple country hosting of the group stages of the FIBA Basketball World Cup;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has made it to the shortlist of candidates vying for lead host country for the 2023 World Cup with Mr. Alfredo S. Panlilio, the President of the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas (SBP), and Mr. Manuel V. Pangilinan, Chairman Emeritus of the SBP, at the forefront of this laudable initiative;

WHEREAS, for this bid, the Philippines is partnering with Indonesia and Japan, as both countries will handle the group stages of the tournament before turning over to the Philippines the hosting of the semi-finals and finals of this prestigious basketball event;

WHEREAS, the Philippines successfully hosted the FIBA Asia Championships in 2013, which yielded a silver medal finish for the country's national team, as well as the 2016 FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament, which made the country an increasingly preferred choice for hosting world-class sporting events;

WHEREAS, one of the key requirements in hosting the FIBA World Cup is the availability of multiple venues for the games, which the Philippines can very well meet through at least three (3) highly appropriate sites, namely: the Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City, the SMART-Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City, and the 55,000-seater Philippine Arena in Bulacan, currently the world's largest indoor arena;


WHEREAS, the Filipinos' love and passion for basketball provides this competition, considered as the biggest and most prestigious in the world, an assured captive local audience numbering in the tens of thousands as demonstrated by the record attendance of more than fifty thousand (50,000) at the opening games alone of the Philippine Basketball Association's 40<sup>th</sup> Season held at the Philippine Arena in October 2014;

WHEREAS, the Philippines' successful bid of the 2023 FIBA World Cup will bring countless benefits to the country not only in terms of global recognition, but also in generating billions of pesos in tourism revenues as this competition attracts more than twenty thousand (20,000) basketball ticket-buying fans from around the world, with over one hundred seventy-one (171) countries broadcasting the event to some eight hundred million (800,000,000) television viewers across the globe;

WHEREAS, all sectors concerned should unite behind and support this bid for the benefits that it can bring to the country: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express the support of the House of Representatives to the bid of the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas (SBP) to host the 2023 FIBA World Cup, and enjoining the government to extend its full assistance to the SBP's efforts.*

Adopted,



PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ  
*Speaker*

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on January 16, 2018.



CESAR STRAIT PAREJA  
*Secretary General*