



Republic of the Philippines
QUEZON CITY COUNCIL
Quezon City
19th City Council

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32nd Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- **6035**, S-2014

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE MEN'S SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM POPULARLY KNOWN AS THE "AZKALS" FOR THEIR STELLAR PERFORMANCE IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 2014 ASIAN FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION-CHALLENGE CUP (AFC CHALLENGE CUP) HELD IN MALDIVES.

Introduced by Councilor RAQUEL S. MALANGEN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Precious Hipolito Castelo, Vohaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Roderick M. Paulate, Ramulfo Z. Ludovic, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Pumaren, Eusebio C. Lagumbay, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Marvin C. Rillo, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Jessica Castelo Daza Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Julianne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Jr., Allan Batch T. Francisco, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Candy A. Medina, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Donato C. Matias and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, the AFC Challenge Cup was an international football competition for Asian Football Confederation (AFC) member countries that was categorized as "emerging countries". The AFC's plan for a continent wide programme to raise the standards of Asian football at all levels;

WHEREAS, following the Philippines Men's Football Team or the Azkals' performance in the 2010 Asean Football Federation (AFF) Suzuki Cup where they, for the first time in said tournament, advanced in the semi-final round after defeating perennial South East Asian powerhouse Vietnam;

WHEREAS, from then on the Azkals went to create history not just in Philippine Football but as well as in the South East Asian region by improving their performance in the FIFA rankings from its lowest, 195th among 207 nations in 2006 to 127, the highest ranking ever received by the Philippines in February 2014;

WHEREAS, the 2014 AFC Challenge Cup edition serves to be the last of its kind where the winner of this tournament will advance to play in the prestigious 2015 Asian Cup, where the likes of Asian-wide/world contenders Japan, South Korea and Iran occasionally play;

WHEREAS, the Azkals, in this Tournament, being bracketed with Afghanistan, the recent South Asian Football Federation Champions, North Asian powerhouse Turkmenistan, and South East Asian neighbour Laos. The Philippines, lorded over the group stages by topping the same and again created another first by defeating Laos and their 2012 AFC Challenge Cup tormentor Turkmenistan;


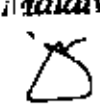
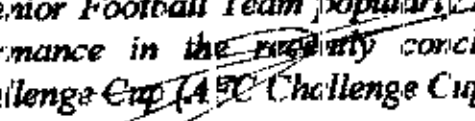
WHEREAS, facing a very motivated team and tournament host Maldives in the semi-finals of the tournament, the Azkals played to their true form enduring every grit and attack made by the host side amidst the throngs of Maldivian spectators. Living up to their colloquially given monicker, rose from being underdogs to the eventual winner by a score of 3-2 in the game's extra time to face Palestine in the Finals of the 2014 Challenge Cup;

WHEREAS, despite the never-say-die attitude of the Azkals, their efforts to bring home the coveted AFC Challenge Cup trophy fell short as they yielded a goal to the Palestinians who won the tournament by a score of 1-0;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Men's Football Team or the Azkals gave their all to bring honor and glory to the country by showing the true essence of sportsmanship, fair play, camaraderie, and gallantry by emerging as the top 2 of the tournament. A feat worth commending and emulating.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to commend, as it does hereby commend the Philippine Men's Senior Football Team popularly known as the "AZKALS" for their stellar performance in the recently concluded 2014 Asian Football Confederation -Challenge Cup (AFC Challenge Cup) held in Maldives. 1



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RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the


ADOPTED: July 21, 2014.



ANTHONY PETER D. CRISOLOGO

Acting Vice Mayor
Acting Presiding Officer


ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't Asst. Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

*This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council
on Second Reading on July 21, 2014 and was CONFIRMED on July 28, 2014.*



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't Asst. Dept. Head III

