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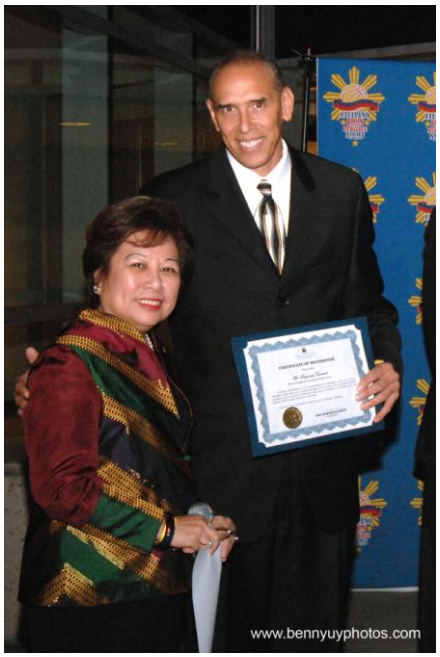
L.A. CLIPPERS HOSTS FILIPINO HOOPS AND HERITAGE NIGHT



Los Angeles, 10 December 2009 – The Los Angeles Clippers of the National Basketball Association (NBA) hosted "Filipino Hoops and Heritage Night" on 5 December 2009 during its game against the Indiana Pacers at the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles.

Mr. Raymond Townsend, the first and only Filipino basketball player to ever play in the NBA, organized the event in cooperation with the LA Clippers to produce a unique celebration of Filipino culture and heritage, while promoting the game of basketball, which is one of the most popular sports in the Philippines and among Filipinos worldwide.

A portion of the proceeds from the event benefitted local Filipino community organizations, as well as relief efforts for the victims of typhoons in the Philippines.

Right photo: Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon with Mr. Raymond Townsend. ###end