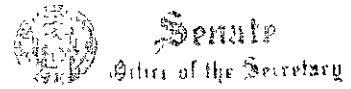
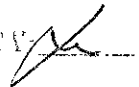


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS AND/OR SUCH APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE POOR STATE OF PHILIPPINE SPORTS AND THE POOR PERFORMANCE OF PHILIPPINE ATHLETES, DESPITE THE MILLIONS OF PESOS GOVERNMENT DISBURSED TO THE NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND OTHER ENTITIES

WHEREAS, Philippine sports is now widely perceived to have declined to an alarmingly low level in the last twenty (20) years, because of their generally poor performance and the alarmingly low gold medal harvest of Filipino athletes in international competitions such as the South East Asian games, Asian Games, the International Olympics and specific international sports federations;

WHEREAS, the National Sports Association (NSAs) are directly involved in the development and training of Filipino athletes, from which the country raises its terms and delegations to the aforecited international sports competitions;

WHEREAS, power struggle and internal bickering purportedly continue to divide NSAs and stall the growth of various sports programs, such as swimming, cycling, badminton, archery, equestrian and table tennis, such that associations of the same have yet to resolve their leadership issues;

WHEREAS, many sporting events, sports-related incidents, or sports personalities have made headlines in the Philippines, including but not limited to controversies such as athletes and officials being accused of cheating, game fixing, unliquidated or misused funds and other issues in the nature of illegal drug/substance use, violence, illicit affairs and malicious accusations, bickering and name-calling between and among athletes and sports officials;

WHEREAS, consequently, these issues and controversies have created negative effects not only to the sports and athletes in the country but also to the Philippine society in general, as it reveals the ugly side of sports and results to the waning morale of Filipino athletes;

WHEREAS, the NSAs are allegedly involved in some of these controversies as they are the ones authorized to disburse or spend money on behalf of Filipino athletes; however, they do not seem to have any accountabilities equivalent to those of government officials and personnel who could be charged with graft due to unliquidated or misused funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved for the Senate to direct the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports and/or such appropriate Committee/s to:

1. Conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the funds that have been disbursed by all government agencies for sports development, particularly those given to the NSAs, and those that have been provided by the PAGCOR, the DepEd and State Colleges and Universities, among other agencies, as may be identified by the sports stakeholders;

2. Assess the accountabilities and impact of said government resources to the appropriate sports sectors for which such development funds were intended;

3. Evaluate the effectiveness of programs and activities of the various NSAs and government agencies involved in sports development;

4. Recommend appropriate policies, legal actions and/or legislative measures to remedy the problems, shortcomings, bottlenecks and issues in sports development in the country.

Adopted,


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Senator