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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS TO CONDUCT A CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY THE ISSUES AND PROBLEMS AILING PHILIPPINE SPORTS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CRAFTING APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION, PARTICULARLY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY DEVOTED SOLELY TO ATHLETICS AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT**

*Whereas*, Article XIV, Sec. 19 (1) states that, "The State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.";

*Whereas*, former President Fidel Ramos issued an administrative order in May 1996 to the Department of Interior and Local Government for the formation of the Philippine National Institute of Sports (PNIS) which was inaugurated under the leadership of then PSC Chairman Philip Ella Juico;

*Whereas*, the PNIS ceased to exist a year after it was formed but was soon reactivated and renamed Philippine Sports Institute (PSI) in 2006;

*Whereas*, patterned after the Australian Sports Institute, the PSI was envisioned to be the hub of athletic talents and innovations where athletes, coaches, and sports enthusiasts will be taught and trained scholastically, and acquire certifications, baccalaureate, masteral and doctorate courses in the field of sports, but it wasn't long before it fell apart again;

*Whereas*, the PSI was relaunched in December last year through the efforts of former PSC chair William "Butch" Ramirez before he was replaced by Harry Angping;

*Whereas*, while the Philippines had managed to get a gold in wushu (demonstration sport) in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, it has failed to get a major Olympic gold medal since it joined the most prestigious sports event in 1924;

*Whereas*, the Olympic medals that the country has won so far were two silvers, by boxers Anthony Villanueva in the 1964 Tokyo Games, and Mansueto "Onyok" Velasco in the 1996 Atlanta Games;

*Whereas*, our Filipino athletes have neither fared well in the Asian Games;

*Whereas*, our athletes perform better in Southeast Asian Games but the competitive bar is not high enough as compared to the Asian and Olympic Games;

*Whereas*, analysts observe that the country does not have a long-term, integrated program for sports development despite the abundance of talented athletes;

*Whereas*, the creation of a modern, higher education institution dedicated entirely to sports will greatly improve the level of competition and core competencies of our athletes and sports professionals;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports to conduct a consultative meeting with the Philippine Sports Commission, Philippine Olympic Committee and other stakeholders to identify the issues and problems ailing Philippine sports, with the end in view of crafting appropriate legislation, particularly the establishment of a national university devoted solely to athletics and sports development.

Adopted,

  
MANNY VILLAR  
Senator