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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PREPARATIONS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC) AND THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (POC), IN THE NEARING INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS PARTICULARLY THE 2016 OLYMPICS IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL; 2018 ASIAN GAMES IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA; AND THE 2015 SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES (SEA GAMES) IN THE CITY STATE OF SINGAPORE, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ASSURING THE COUNTRY'S SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION IN THESE NEARING INTERNATIONAL SPORTING MEETS

WHEREAS, the Philippines is committed to compete in the following international sports events:

- (1) SEA Games every two years wherein the next event will be held this year from June 5 to 16;
- (2) ASIAN Games every four years preceding the SEA Games, namely 2018, 2022, and 2026; and
- (3) Olympic Games every four years after the Olympics in 2012, namely 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics and the 2020 Olympiad;

WHEREAS, our country only averages 5th rank overall in the Southeast Asian Games since we started joining the bi-annual meet in 1977 and a worst 18th place finish during last 2002 Asian Games in Busan, South Korea;

WHEREAS, the Philippines satisfactory hosting of the Manila SEA Games in 1991 and 2005 where we landed second and first place, respectively, in the final medal tally board showed the nation what the combination of excellent training of gold medal level athletes; sufficient funding, incentives for gold medalists; and adequate preparations for the competitions by the National Sports Associations in cooperation with the

public sector and the media contributed to the overall success of the our national contingent in the said SEA Games;

WHEREAS, the continuing dismal performance of the Philippine team in the SEA Games after our over-all championship in 1995 is a clear reflection of mismanaging the country's sports affairs starting from the grassroots to the elite level;

WHEREAS, with barely three (3) months to go before the staging of the 28th Singapore SEA Games, we need to find out the level of preparations being conducted by both the PSC and the POC to get our national team ready to bring back pride and glory to the country;

WHEREAS, the interest of every citizen is at stake in ensuring efficient utilization of government funds for the preparation of our athletes in their training in the coming international events;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the preparations being conducted by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), in the nearing international sporting events particularly the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; 2018 Asian games in Jakarta, Indonesia; and the 2015 southeast Asian games (SEA Games) in the City State of Singapore, with the end in view of assuring the country's successful participation in these nearing international sporting meets

Adopted,


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