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Introduced by SENATOR LUISA "LOI" P. EJERCITO ESTRADA

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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT  
AND SPORTS, TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
THE ACTUAL STATE OF AFFAIRS OF PHILIPPINE SPORTS

WHEREAS, the Constitution provides:

Art. 14, Sec. 19. 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, *The Manila Bulletin*, in an article entitled "Thailand's Triumph in Athens Leaves RP in State of Wonder", dated 31 August 2004, page E-1, reported that "The morning after the Athens Olympic Games, Philippine sports officials were left to wonder what went wrong. Even worse, they were left to ponder how Thailand did it";

WHEREAS, the newspaper stated that "Thailand, our Southeast Asian games rival, celebrated its best Olympics ever, winning three gold and two silver medals . . . Indonesia, another SEA Games opponent, also did better and won three medals – a gold, a single and a bronze";

WHEREAS, the article claimed that "Philippine Olympic Committee President Celso Dayrit had mixed feelings about the Games but said that generally, it was an eye opener . . . It was an awakening on our part that besides boxing, there are other sports where we can win medals, citing taekwondo, archery and shooting";

WHEREAS, the broadsheet reported that "Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chairman Eric Buhain said he also felt sad that the country had failed to win a medal for the second straight Olympics . . . But there's no doubt in my mind that we prepared adequately for this";

WHEREAS, *The Manila Bulletin* stated that the PSC had spent close to 30 million pesos in the last few months prior to the Olympics to prepare the 16-man RP team, spending the amount for training, hiring of foreign coaches, and for competing in international tournaments";

WHEREAS, it would be to the best interest of not only sports officials and athletes, but of the whole country as well, to have a complete and impartial assessment of various plans, programs and policies, as well as what really ails Philippine sports and the personalities responsible for its continued decline and regression;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate, to direct the Senate Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports, to investigate, in aid of legislation, the actual state of affairs of Philippine sports.

Adopted.

  
**LUISA "LOI" P. EJERCITO ESTRADA**  
Senator