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SENATE
P.S. Res No. 83

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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPORTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE WAYS TO SUPPORT THE GILAS PILIPINAS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REVIEWING RELEVANT LAWS AND POLICIES TO ENSURE OPTIMAL PERFORMANCE IN FUTURE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF FILIPINO ATHLETES

1 WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 19 of the Philippine Constitution
2 mandates that "the State shall promote physical education and encourage
3 sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training
4 for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork and
5 excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry";

6 WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas, is the men's national basketball team
7 managed by the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas (SBP), which is the country's
8 National Sports Association for basketball;

9 WHEREAS, the International Basketball Federation, known as FIBA, is
10 an association of national organizations which governs the sport of basketball
11 worldwide. It likewise oversees various international basketball competitions
12 which prominently include the FIBA Basketball World Cup;

13 WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas garnered a silver medal during the 31st
14 Southeast Games after consistently winning gold since 1989;

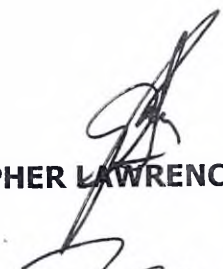
15 WHEREAS, Gilas Pilipinas has placed 9th in the recent FIBA Asia Cup
16 after losing to Japan and New Zealand;

1 WHEREAS, avid Filipino Gilas fans have clamored that the team receive
2 more support in order to improve the team's performance in international
3 competitions;

4 WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to revisit sports relevant laws and
5 policies which are aimed to support Philippine national teams participating in
6 international competitions and review any related measures that will ensure the
7 competitiveness and welfare of Filipino athletes: Now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it hereby resolved, To direct the Senate
9 Committee on Sports to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the ways to
10 support the Gilas Pilipinas men's basketball team with the end in view of
11 reviewing relevant laws and policies to ensure optimal performance in future
12 international sports competitions and to protect the welfare of Filipino athletes.

Adopted,


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