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Introduced by Sen. Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS TO INQUIRE, LOOK INTO AND INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE DEATH OF FILIPINO BOXER ANGELITO "LITO" SISNORIO, JR. AFTER AN ALLEGED MISMATCH FIGHT AGAINST FORMER WORLD BOXING COUNCIL FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION CHATCHAI SASKUL IN THAILAND LAST MARCH 31, 2007

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2007, Angelito "Lito" Sisnorio Jr., of Koronadal City, former World Boxing Council youth flyweight titleholder died of bleeding in the brain in a Thailand hospital after being knocked out in the 4th round the previous night by the former Thai World Champion Chatchai Sasakul;

WHEREAS, it was reported that Sisnorio's manager and promoter failed to secure the necessary fight permit from the Games and Amusement Board before the said fight in Thailand;

WHEREAS, prior to this recent fight, Sisnorio fought and lost by way of a Technical Knockout against reigning WBC titleholder in Mae Sot, Thailand in January 26, 2007, also without first securing clearance from GAB;

WHEREAS, the GAB was created under Executive Order No. 392 to supervise and regulate activities in professional sports, among others, Jai-Alai, Wrestling and Boxing;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the rules and regulations of GAB governing professional boxing in the Philippines, no Filipino boxer is allowed to participate in any local or international boxing match without first securing license from the board;

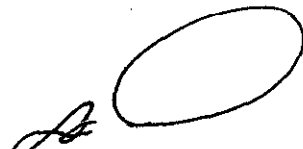
WHEREAS, there was no explanation given by GAB why no sanction had been taken against Sisnorio and his manager despite its knowledge that the latter competed abroad without the required clearance;

WHEREAS, no less than the GAB officials revealed that Sisnorio would not have been issued a license to fight as he was not qualified to fight internationally for losing four of his last five bouts;

WHEREAS, the provisions governing the sport of boxing need to be revisited and its enforcement strengthened in order to prevent the recurrence of such unfortunate incident as well as to stop unsuspecting boxers and other unscrupulous promoters from getting away with non-compliance with government rules on professional boxing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved to direct the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports to inquire, look into and investigate in aid of legislation the death of Filipino boxer Angleito "Lito" Sisnorio, Jr. after an alleged mismatch fight against former world boxing council flyweight champion Chatchai Saskul in Thailand last March 31, 2007 with the end in view of determining if there has been laxity in the enabling laws and enforcement of the rules and regulations of GAB.

ADOPTED,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
