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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE OF PHILIPPINES SPORTS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FORMULATING A LONG-TERM, STAKEHOLDER-DRIVEN AND SUSTAINABLE SPORTS PROGRAM FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, since the historic silver medal in boxing in the Olympic games in 1996, the Philippines has not won any Olympic medal. In fact, the Philippines has yet to win a gold medal in the Olympic games since joining in 1924;

WHEREAS, in the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games), the Philippines made history by winning its first-ever overall championship title in 2005. However, the Philippines dropped to sixth-place finish in 2007; fifth-place in 2009; and, sixth-place in 2011. The next SEA Games is set in December this year;¹

WHEREAS, in 2012, Thailand allocated THB3.062 billion (P3.9 Billion) for the Sport Authority of Thailand, compared to the P178 million budgeted to the Philippines Sports Commission (excluding remittances from PAGCOR and other sources);

WHEREAS, Thailand has 68 stadium with the National Stadium in Bangkok having a seating capacity of 65,000; Vietnam has 37 stadiums (including the 40,000-seater My Dinh Stadium in Hanoi; and Singapore has 21 stadiums (including the 55,000.00-seater National Stadium and the 30,000-seater Marina Bay Floating Stadium);

WHEREAS, the Philippines' Rizal Memorial Stadium built in 1934 can accommodate only a maximum of 20,000. The other major stadiums are the Mall of Asia Arena, Araneta Coliseum and the Philippine Arena;

WHEREAS, world-class stadiums and sports facilities are crucial factors in sports development as well as promotion of sports tourism;

WHEREAS, in addition to the call for the inquiry into the preparations for the SEA Games this year, it is timely to inquire into the current state of Philippines sports not only in order that corrective and/or remedial measures may be undertaken, but, more importantly, to adopt a framework for a long-term, sustainable and ambitious program for Philippines sports aimed at achieving success not only in the SEA and Asian Games but in the Olympics as well;

¹ On August 8, 2013, Sen. Pia Cayetano filed SB No. 178 calling for an inquiry into the preparations being done for the 27th Southeast Asian Games.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Senate of the Philippines, to direct appropriate committee(s) in the Senate to investigate the current state of Philippine sports and address the need for a long-term, stakeholder-driven and sustainable sports program for the Philippines.

Adopted.



SENATOR SONNY ANGARA