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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE SAFETY STANDARDS AND PRACTICES BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE COUNTRY'S BOXING EVENTS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THE SAFETY OF OUR FILIPINO BOXERS

WHEREAS, on 15 May 2014, 14 year old boxer Junrey Amar died from head injuries after he collapsed in the middle of a boxing match during a town fiesta in San Isidro, Davao del Norte;

WHEREAS, according to reports, Junrey Amar competed under the school boys category and was knocked out by his opponent during the second round;

WHEREAS, authorities are still investigating if the victim and his opponent were wearing the appropriate protective headgears during the ill-fated match;

WHEREAS, in December 2013, 16 year old Jonas Joshua Garcia died as a result of head injuries sustained during a boxing match held for the annual Central Luzon Regional Athletic Association meet in Iba, Zambales;

WHEREAS, there is a need to revisit existing regulations on the safety of individuals, specially minors, participating in boxing and other contact sports to prevent these unfortunate events from claiming another promising young athlete;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to direct the Committee on Games, Amusement, and Sports, and other appropriate committees in the Senate to conduct an inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, into the safety standards and practices being implemented in the country's boxing events with the end in view of ensuring the safety of our athletes;

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator