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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE OF THE PUBLIC SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY AND, IN THE PROCESS, MAKE AN INVENTORY THEREOF.**

WHEREAS, Section 19, Article XIV of the Constitution mandates that 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, proper sports facilities are essential to the upliftment of the country's national sports programs for our national athletes competing in international tournaments as well as for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry;

WHEREAS, our country's premiere public sports facility is the 80-year old Rizal Memorial Stadium; while the other major public facility is the Philsports Complex (ULTRA), both of which are located in Metro Manila and have limited and out-dated facilities. Ironically, it is observed that most national athletes come from the provinces;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Sports Commission is batting for more public sports facilities not only in Metro Manila but also in other parts of the country. Reports show that there are no creditable sports facilities in the provinces with the proper equipment and competent coaches who can train aspiring athletes to prepare them for Asian and Olympic competitions;

WHEREAS, public sports facilities in areas outside Manila are generally built and maintained through the initiative of the respective local government units subject to the availability of funds and the prioritization of sports development in the locality;

WHEREAS, other Asian countries have far superior sports facilities: Thailand has a total of 68 stadiums, the biggest of which is the National Stadium in Bangkok with the capacity to accommodate 65,000; Vietnam has 37 stadium with the 40,000-seater My Dinh Stadium; Singapore has 21 stadiums including the 55,000-seater National Stadium and the 30,000-seater Marina Bay Floating Stadium;

WHEREAS, there is a need to conduct a proper inventory and assessment of the current public sports facilities, with an end in view of establishing a strategic and sustainable sports facilities development program throughout the country;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Senate of the Philippines, to direct the proper committee to conduct an inquiry on the current public sports facilities in the country.

Adopted.