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P.S. Res. No. 511

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Introduced by Sen. Grace Poe

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED LACK OF FUNDING FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides: "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being";

WHEREAS, Article 1 of the Charter of Physical Education and Sport adopted by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1978 states: "The practice of physical education and sport is a fundamental human right for all";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9500, otherwise known as the "University of the Philippines Charter (UP) of 2008", declares as a policy to "undertake and support comprehensive sports programs that promote physical education, uphold excellence and encourage competitive participation in sports activities, instill school identity and solidarity, cultivate pride, self-discipline and teamwork which serve as a foundation for fostering active participation in the national university, as well as in nation building";

WHEREAS, UP is mandated to perform its unique and distinctive leadership in higher education and development, and lead in setting academic standards and initiating innovations;

WHEREAS, opportunity to participate in sports is a human right that must be promoted and supported;

WHEREAS, a United Nations study entitled "*Sport and the Sustainable Development Goals*" says that sports can enhance mental health by delivering social, psychological and physiological benefits;

WHEREAS, funding allocation of the UP System for sports program concentrates merely on infrastructure development despite the enactment of the laws mentioned above;

WHEREAS, reports from various sources reveal that there are instances where the coaches pay for the uniforms and food of their players;

WHEREAS, the 32 varsity teams of the UP System are in dire need of financial support to improve their game against financially endowed counterparts;

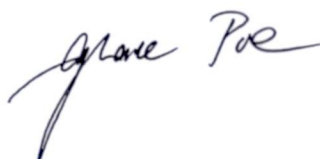
WHEREAS, current support for UP athletes comes mostly from the alumni;

WHEREAS, investments in the student athletes, who also happen to be accountants, teachers, among others, mean investments in the future of the country;

WHEREAS, engagement in sports play an important part in the holistic development of the youth promoting their physical and emotional well-being and fostering valuable human connections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to direct the proper Senate committees to review, in aid of legislation, on the alleged lack of funding for sports development in the University of the Philippines System.

Adopted,

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