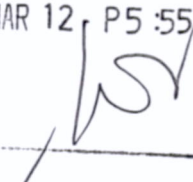


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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPORTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFORTS OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, AND THE ENTIRE SPORTS COMMUNITY TO ACHIEVE THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF WINNING THE PHILIPPINES' FIRST GOLD MEDAL IN THE OLYMPICS WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF REVIEWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING LAWS ON SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND TO RALLY THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE PUBLIC FOR A UNITED SUPPORT FOR FILIPINO ATHLETES**

- 1           WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes  
2 the crucial role of sports in fostering patriotism and nationalism, accelerating social  
3 progress, and promoting total human liberation and development;
- 4           WHEREAS, the following provisions of the Constitution further illustrates the high  
5 value of sports in our Fundamental Law:
- 6           • "The State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs,  
7 league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international  
8 competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the  
9 development of a healthy and alert citizenry." (Paragraph 1, Section 19, Article  
10 XIV);
  - 11          • "All educational institutions shall undertake regular sports activities throughout  
12 the country in cooperation with athletic clubs and other sectors." (Paragraph 2,  
13 Section 19, Article XIV).

1           WHEREAS, pursuant to the above Constitutional provisions, Republic Act No.  
2 6847, or "*The Philippine Sports Commission Act*" was enacted into law on January 24,  
3 1990, Section 2 of which declares:

4           "It is the policy of the State to promote physical education, encourage and  
5 sustain the development of sports in the country to foster physical fitness, self-  
6 discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert  
7 citizenry through a unified national sports promotion and development program,  
8 and that the establishment and creation of a single, unified and integrated  
9 national sports policy-making body shall further this objective."

10          WHEREAS, the modern Olympic games ("Olympics") are internationally  
11 recognized as the world's greatest and most elite sporting event, bringing thousands of  
12 athletes from around the world to compete and bring honor and prestige to their home  
13 countries;

14          WHEREAS, the Philippines has won a total of ten medals at various Olympic  
15 events, the most recent being the award of a silver medal to Ms. Hidilyn Diaz in the  
16 women's 53-kg weightlifting division of the 2016 Summer Games;

17          WHEREAS, despite participating in twenty (20) editions of the Olympics, the  
18 Philippines has yet to win a gold medal, which remains to be one of the most  
19 prestigious awards that can be won in any sporting event, as it shows that the recipient  
20 has bested the most elite athletes and competitors from around the world;

21          WHEREAS, winning a gold medal in the Olympics is still one of the unrealized  
22 dreams of our sports sector, which the government must foster and support to the best  
23 of its capacity;

24          WHEREAS, the current chairman of the Philippine Sports Commission, Mr.  
25 William "Butch" Ramirez has stated that the organization's "ultimate goal" under his  
26 helm is to "win our first-ever Olympic gold medal";

27          RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate  
28 of the Philippines, to direct the Senate Committee on Sports to conduct an inquiry, in  
29 aid of legislation, on the efforts of the Philippine Sports Commission, the Philippine  
30 Olympic Committee, and the entire sports community to achieve the ultimate goal of

- 1 winning the Philippines' first gold medal in the Olympics with the objectives of reviewing
- 2 the implementation of existing laws on sports development and to rally the private
- 3 sector and the public for a united support for Filipino athletes.

Adopted,

  
**GRACE POE**