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**INTRODUCED BY: SENATOR EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO**

**A RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPORTS TO CONDUCT  
AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE CURRENT STATE  
OF THE RIZAL MEMORIAL SPORTS COMPLEX AND OTHER  
SPORTS FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A  
SUSTAINABLE SPORTS FACILITIES PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, Section 19, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides 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**, Republic Act No. 6847 or the “Philippine Sports Commission Act of 1990” declared as a State policy the promotion of physical education and the development of sports in the country;

**WHEREAS**, proper sports facilities are necessary to train our athletes for various tournaments. Access and exposure to quality facilities significantly contribute to an athlete’s overall development and preparedness to compete and excel on a global scale;

**WHEREAS**, the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex (RMSC) which used to serve as the training ground to our home-grown athletes who were able to successfully represent the country in numerous sporting events;

**WHEREAS**, the RMSC is in dire need to be rehabilitated to keep up with the demands of training our potential world-class athletes;

**WHEREAS**, based on reports and personal assessment conducted by the undersigned on various dates, last of which was on December 12, 2017, the RMSC is in a state of continuous infrastructure decay. Its halls and walls that once hosted historic sporting events stand as a grim reminder of the current state of Philippine sports – antiquated and lacking state funding;

**WHEREAS**, the current thrust of the government, as reflected by the state of the different sports facilities in the country, shows that sports does not rank on the top of its priority list;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to rectify this situation and place sports again as a necessary program for the development of the holistic health of our citizens, especially of the youth;

**WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, by the Senate of the Philippines, to direct the proper committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the current state of public sports facilities in the country with the end in view of reviewing the implementation of existing laws on sports development and establishing a sustainable sports facilities development program in the country.

**ADOPTED,**

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**EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO**