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Introduced by Senator JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES,
AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPOSITION OF A BAN ON THE PHILIPPINES BY
THE INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL FEDERATION (FIBA) FROM COMPETING
IN ALL FIBA-SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

WHEREAS, the Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP) is presently the governing National Sports Association of the country for the sport of basketball and as such is the duly recognized appointing and accrediting body for the Men's Philippine National Basketball Team participating in all FIBA-sanctioned international competitions;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) is the sole authority responsible for the representation of the Philippines at the Olympic Games, Asian Games, Southeast Asian Games as well as other events held under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee;

WHEREAS, in response to the recent expulsion of the BAP by the POC, the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) has banned the Philippines from further participating in all FIBA-sanctioned tournaments;

WHEREAS, a BAP-formed squad of amateur players was already in Malaysia to play in the Southeast Asian Basketball Association Championship, but is now unable to participate due to the FIBA ban;

WHEREAS, this situation has adversely affected the state of sports development for the Philippines particularly in the field of basketball;

WHEREAS, this situation will undoubtedly demoralize the ranks of Philippine athletes in general and professional and amateur basketball players in particular not to mention the negative image that the country will project in international sports;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Senate Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports, to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, into the imposition of a ban on the Philippines by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) from competing in all FIBA-sanctioned tournaments and to craft remedial legislation in order to strengthen the sports development program of the country particularly in international competitions.


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Senator