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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS, TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ACTUAL STATE OF AFFAIRS OF PHILIPPINE SPORTS

WHEREAS, the Constitution provides:

Article 14, Section 19. The State shall promote physical education and encourage sports program, 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, a special report published in a major broadsheet entitled "*Philippine sports has no goals for the future*" stated that "much like Philippine basketball has faded internationally since the 1950's, Philippine sports has lost its luster owing to the absence of a long-term, sustained national sports development program. Instead, it relies on the best talent available to bring honor to the country;"

WHEREAS, the article claimed that "a lasting plan for Philippine sports cannot be drawn up, because the local sports leadership changes as frequently as the national leadership... Another problem is that laws to help boost sports have not been followed to the letter and little funding is available to develop both the elite athletes and the promising beginners that would succeed them on national teams."

WHEREAS, the article reported that "there is much confusion about the roles of the Philippine Sports Commission, a government agency and the Philippine Olympic Committee, a private organization established by public and private officials;"

WHEREAS, the Philippines showed dismal performance during the last year's Asian Games in Doha, Qatar, ranking 18th out of 36 countries, winning only 4 Gold medals, 6 Silver medals and 9 Bronze medals;

WHEREAS, there is a need to review the plan of action of Philippine sports officials considering that the Beijing Olympics will be held in 2008, barely a year away;

WHEREAS, it would be to the best interest of not only sports officials and athletes but of the whole country as well, to have a complete and impartial assessment of various plans, programs and policies, as well as what really ails the Philippine sports and the personalities responsible for its continued decline and regression;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate to direct the Senate Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports, to investigate, in aid of legislation, the actual state of affairs of Philippine sports.

Adopted,


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator