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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT, AND SPORTS TO LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE LEVEL OF PREPAREDNESS OF THE PHILIPPINE TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE UPCOMING 24th SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES AND 4th ASEAN PARAGAMES

WHEREAS, the 24th Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) will be held in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand from December 6 to 16, 2007;

WHEREAS, SEA Games will pit athletes from eleven (11) Southeast Asian nations in 436 events covering 43 sports. The 24th edition of the games will have the highest number of sporting events in the entire history of the SEA Games, more events than the Asian Games and the Olympic Games;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is the 23rd Southeast Asian (SEA) Games overall champion and several Filipino athletes were able to break existing SEA Games records;

WHEREAS, the 4th ASEAN ParaGames will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in January 2008;

WHEREAS, the ASEAN ParaGames is a multi-sport for athletes with physical disabilities held every two years after the SEA Games for athletes with physical disabilities. Like the SEA Games, it is participated by eleven (11) countries located in Southeast Asia. It is a sporting event participated by athletes who are amputees, with mobility and visual disabilities, as well as with cerebral palsy;

WHEREAS, the Philippines placed 6th out of the 11 countries that participated in the Paragames held in Manila, Philippines from December 14 to December 20, 2005;

WHEREAS, adequate training, preparation, and financial support for the two sporting competitions will increase the possibility of being the overall champion in the upcoming SEA Games and ParaGames, or at least have an improved standing in the ASEAN ParaGames;

WHEREAS, many of our elite Filipino athletes barely have enough to eat and are ill-equipped, yet they still train daily, even twice a day, without regular allowance;

WHEREAS, the hard work, dedication, discipline, and healthy lifestyle of these athletes set a good example for the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, their sportsmanship, and the medals and trophies they bring home are sources of national pride and inspiration for the Filipino people especially the youth;

WHEREAS, to bolster our chances of being triumphant in these two sporting events, there is a need to look into the level of preparedness of the Philippine Team for the events which are only four (4) and five (5) months away respectively;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports be directed to look into, in aid of legislation, the level of preparedness of the Philippine Team in the upcoming 24th SEA Games and 4th ASEAN ParaGames.

Adopted,


SENATOR COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO