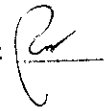


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RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS TO CONDUCT A STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE OF PHILIPPINE SPORTS AND REVIEW THE CURRENT POLICIES CONCERNING ITS PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF CRAFTING A RELEVANT LAW THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THE INTEREST IN SPORTS VIS-A-VIS PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE TRAINING OF FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO WILL COMPETE IN INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETS AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHEREAS, Section 17 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that:

“The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.”;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6847 otherwise known as “An Act Creating And Establishing The Philippine Sports Commission, Defining Its Powers, Functions And Responsibilities, Appropriating Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes” makes it the objective of the Commission to:

“Sec. 6. Objectives of the Commission. — The Objectives of the Commission are:

(a) To provide the leadership, formulate the policies and set the priorities and direction of all national amateur sports promotion and development, particularly giving emphasis on grass-roots participation;

(b) To encourage wide participation of all sectors, government and private, in amateur sports promotion and development; and

(c) To supplement government appropriations for sports promotion and development.”

WHEREAS, in the early days of international sports competitions, the Philippines used to be a powerhouse in the Far East, the country has won medals at the Olympic Games in the 1930's and it finished second in the medal tally at the 1958 Asian Games in Tokyo, Japan;

WHEREAS, although the present crop of Philippine Athletes have honored the country in specific and single sport events like boxing, dragon boat, football and basketball competitions the fact remains that the country still has a dismal performance in terms of medal counts for international events such as the Olympic Games and the Asian Games;

WHEREAS, this rise of Filipino athletes at world championship events only proves that the Filipino has the ability to regain the glory of being a sports powerhouse;


WHEREAS, it is notable that most of these athletes and athletic teams were sponsored by private corporations and individuals as the government continuously lack the funds needed to finance the endeavors of our athletes;

WHEREAS, the sterling performance of the Philippine Basketball Team *Smart Gilas* backed up by the assistance of the MVP Sports Foundation, Inc is an excellent example of how the private sector can contribute to the development of sports in the country;

WHEREAS, it is an opportune moment for the legislature to revisit the Philippine Sports Commission Charter as well as other relevant laws in order to set into motion a program that will continue to encourage the participation of the private sector in the promotion and development of Philippine Sports.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to urge the Committee on Games Amusement and Sports to conduct a study, in aid of legislation, on the state of Philippine sports and review the current policies concerning its promotion and development with the end-in-view of crafting a relevant law that will encourage the interest in sports vis-a-vis provide incentives for the participation of the private sector in the training of Filipino athletes who will compete in international athletic meets and world championships.

Adopted,


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