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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENTS AND SPORTS, AND OTHER PROPER COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROBLEMS WHICH CAUSED THE BELOW PAR PERFORMANCE OF THE PHILIPPINES, *VIS-A-VIS* THE PROJECTED OUTPUT OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, IN THE 26<sup>th</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES HELD FROM NOVEMBER 11, 2011 TO NOVEMBER 22, 2011 IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Constitution, states 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," and Section 19, (1) Article XIV states 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**, the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) is the premier sports competition held bi-annually between the Southeast Asian nations, which include the Philippines, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Timor Leste, Thailand and Vietnam ;

**WHEREAS**, in the past, the Philippines was considered to be one of the most dominant countries in the SEA Games winning the overall championship once in 2005, when the games were held in the country, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1991 and 1983, while finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> for six times in 1977 (when the Philippines was first admitted as an official member of the games), 1981, 1985, 1987, 1993 and 1995

**WHEREAS**, the 26<sup>th</sup> SEA Games was held in Jakarta, Indonesia from November 11, 2011 until November 22, 2011;

**WHEREAS**, Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chair Richie Garcia predicted that the Philippines would win 70 gold medals and finish 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the 26<sup>th</sup> SEA Games medal tally;

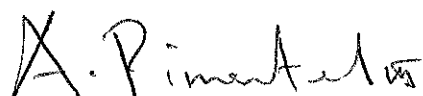
**WHEREAS**, despite the great efforts exerted by our brave Filipino athletes, the country only garnered 36 gold medals, 56 silver medals and 77 bronze medals, which was good only for 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the medal tally;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines has been overtaken by other countries including Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia and Singapore, which finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively;

**WHEREAS**, the performance of the Philippines in the 26<sup>th</sup> SEA Games is a far cry from the predicted output by the Philippine Sports Commission

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS, AND OTHER PROPER COMMITTEES, CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROBLEMS WHICH CAUSED THE BELOW PAR PERFORMANCE OF THE PHILIPPINES *VIS- A-VIS* THE PROJECTED OUTPUT OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION IN THE 26<sup>TH</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES, HELD FROM NOVEMBER 11, 2011 TO NOVEMBER 22, 2011, IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA.

Adopted,

  
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