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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1303

Introduced by: HON. JOHN REYNALD M. TIANGCO

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION FOR ITS MISREPRESENTATION, OMISSION AND FAILURE TO FULFILL THE PROPER DISCHARGE OF ITS MANDATE AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF OUR NATIONAL ATHLETES' AND/OR NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS' ALLOWANCES, BENEFITS, SUPPORT AND OTHER ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Constitution 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, Section 19 (1), Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides 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 Philippine Sports Commission ("PSC") was created through the enactment of Republic Act No. 6847 to carry out the policy of the State to promote physical education, encourage and sustain the development of sports in the country to foster physical fitness, self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry through a unified national sports promotion and development program, and that the establishment and creation of a single, unified and integrated national sports policy-making body shall further this objective;

WHEREAS, in its Mission Statement, the PSC serves as the prime catalyst and advocate for the propagation and development of Philippine sports by helping shape policies and setting priorities through the following: coordinating and implementing a national sports program; creating equitable opportunities for participation in sports by all sectors; providing assistance to stakeholders and partners; supporting the specially talented athletes for high level competitions; and promoting the development of those physical qualities and moral values which is the basis of sports;

WHEREAS, on 10 October 2020, the PSC, in a social media post, made claims regarding the financial support given by the PSC to Ms. Alexandra M. Eala. The PSC claimed that it is part of Ms. Alexandra M. Eala’s journey to the French Open and that Ms. Alexandra M. Eala was
supported with Three Million Pesos (Php 3,000,000.00) for her tournament travel expenses, as well as for her two-month training in Europe and the United States of America. Lastly, the PSC claimed to have given Ms. Alexandra M. Eala the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 1,500,000.00) in assistance for competing in six (6) international tournaments;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rizza Maniego-Eala, Ms. Alexandra M. Eala’s mother and Mr. Noli Eala, her uncle, denied receiving any support from the PSC. Mr. Noli Eala explained that his niece’s training abroad was financed through her scholarship from the Rafael Nadal Academy and her trips were paid for by the family, through private sponsors;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rizza Maniego-Eala further stated that the reimbursement of Ms. Alexandra M. Eala’s travel expenses for the Australian Open happened last January but have not received any reimbursement from the PSC. She also denied that the “two-month training in Europe, U.S. and other parts of the world” participated by Ms. Alexandra M. Eala was funded by the PSC. These trainings, together with the financial support thereof, were only verbally promised to Ms. Alexandra M. Eala but such promises never materialized.

WHEREAS, the PSC’s action on social media is a misrepresentation to the public which demoralizes and disrespects the efforts of the Eala Family and the sponsors who truly supported Ms. Alexandra M. Eala through her trainings and competitions;

WHEREAS, in order to realize the above-cited State policies on physical education and national sports programs, the PSC should be investigated for this misrepresentations, omissions and its alleged failure to fulfill and properly discharge its mandate provided by law;

WHEREAS, in order to finally realize the above-cited State policies on physical education and national sports programs, our national athletes and/or the National Sports Associations’ (“NSA”) allowances, benefits, support, and other assistance should be immediately released without delay;

WHEREAS, in order to conduct proper investigation and inquiry in aid of legislation, this representation requests the reproduction of the documents listing the benefits released to all athletes and/or NSAs and the audit of all benefits promised but not yet released to all qualified athletes.

WHEREAS, in order to conduct proper investigation and inquiry in aid of legislation, this representation is directing PSC to provide information and explanation regarding the following issues:

(1) PSC’s grant of financial support to all the NSAs; and
(2) Status of the release of all financial support and reimbursement of expenses to national athletes, including but not limited to, Ms. Alexandra M. Eala as previously committed by the PSC.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, to direct the appropriate committee of the House of Representatives to investigate and conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged misrepresentations, omissions and PSC’s alleged failure to fulfill and properly discharge its mandate provided by
law, and to call for the immediate release of our national athletes and/or National Sports Associations’ allowances, benefits, support, and other assistance.

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, to direct the PSC to produce the following documents and/or information on the following matters before the committee hereby directed to conduct the inquiry in aid of legislation:

1. The list of benefits released to all national athletes and/or NSAs, and audit of all benefits promised and not yet released to all deserving national athletes;
2. PSC’s grant of financial support to all the NSAs; and
3. Status and follow-up of the release of financial support and reimbursement of expenses to all national athletes, including but not limited to, Ms. Alexandra M. Eala as previously committed by PSC.

Adopted,

**Hon. John Reynald M. Tiangco**