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Introduced by KABATAAN PARTY-LIST Representative Sarah Jane I. Elago

RESOLUTION
URGING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT THROUGH ITS PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION TO ENSURE THE SAFE AND GRADUAL RESUMPTION OF TRAINING FOR FILIPINO ATHLETES

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly altered the Filipinos’ way of life by prohibiting certain activities by reason of the risks it significantly poses to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and has encouraged a more solitary means of achieving tasks;

WHEREAS, one of the impacts of COVID-19 is the large-scale disruption to entire athletic careers, student, amateur, or professional;

WHEREAS, some sporting venues in the Philippines were temporarily converted into quarantine facilities;

WHEREAS, certain kinds of sports require training in outdoor settings, and some of them are of a group nature;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force against COVID-19 (IATF) did not allow amateur and non-professional commercial sports leagues to organize any events at all with uncertainties over the status of the availability of COVID-19 vaccines

WHEREAS, only athletes bound for the Tokyo Olympic Games and Southeast Asian Games were only allowed to commence with their bubble-type training;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) issued an advisory asking all the national sports associations (NSAs) to postpone their athletes’ training within Metro Manila and the provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal, and instead encouraged to practice online individual training, and disallowed group activities;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that individual trainings can be a form of physical conditioning, but it does not suffice to prepare our athletes for their respective sports;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for our athletes to train under the most optimal conditions for them to fully realize their potential;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the House of Representatives urges the Philippine Sports Commission to ensure that all our athletes be able to train in the manner they see fit, in the proper venues, while ensuring that minimum health protocols and other safety measures are ensured;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, that the House of Representatives urge the IATF to prioritize the vaccination of our athletes so that they may be able to resume with their
trainings the soonest possible, and allow the use of certain venues, under a certain set of guidelines that mitigate and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Adopted,

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