Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Youth and Sports Development to which were referred House Resolution No. 2003, introduced by Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago, entitled:

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

and House Resolution No. 2007, introduced by Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago, entitled:

RESOLUTION
URGING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE IATF AND THE PSC TO ALLOW THE SAFE RESUMPTION OF THE TRAINING OF STUDENT-ATHLETES AND TO ALLOT AN AMPLE BUDGET FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO HAVE LOST THEIR SCHOLARSHIP AND/OR OTHER FINANCIAL BENEFITS

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 2275, entitled:

RESOLUTION

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

REP. FAUSTINO MICHAEL T. DY III
Chairperson
Committee on Youth and Sports Development
Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
Third Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2275

(In substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 2003 and 2007)


RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 19 of the Constitution provides that “(1) 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; and (2) All educational institutions shall undertake regular sports activities throughout the country in cooperation with athletic clubs and other sectors.”;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 restrictions have severely disrupted the conduct of all forms of physical activities and sports training programs of student athletes in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the ban on face-to-face mode of instruction and learning, and the adoption of the online mode prescribed for and followed by educational institutions has likewise caused the cancellation or indefinite suspension of school sports
competitions and collegiate athletic leagues in the country in order to safeguard the health of student athletes and others involved in the sports education sector;

WHEREAS, it is vital for the country’s young athletes to be able to train in the proper venues, so they can keep themselves physically fit and thus perform optimally even as they strictly comply with health protocols and other safety measures;

WHEREAS, in view of these challenges, student athletes are forced to train at home and modify their physical activities. While individual workouts and trainings help maintain athletes’ strength and physical conditioning, they are inadequate to meet the quality of training required, especially in team sports and those that require training in outdoor settings;

WHEREAS, the lack of proper training and participation in sports competitions has affected the physical, mental health and overall well-being of young athletes, and disrupted their athletic careers;

WHEREAS, a number of student athletes have raised concerns on the possibility of losing their athletic scholarships and other incentives and benefits such as board and lodging, monthly allowance, school and athletic uniforms, and life and medical insurance that they normally received;

WHEREAS, the resumption of school sports training activities and competitions will benefit student athletes who are desperately relying on their athletic skills to receive higher education through athletic scholarships;

WHEREAS, there is a need to engage the next generation of champions in our student athletes, who have the potential to bring honor and awards to the country when they compete in international sports competition, by allowing them to enhance their skills through resumption of training and engagement in sports competitions;

WHEREAS, to ensure the safe return of student athletes to sport and other physical activities, the inoculation of student athletes is a critical step in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and minimizing any disruption to learning and sporting activities;

WHEREAS, health and safety protocols and other guidelines for the resumption of school sports trainings, competitions, and collegiate athletic leagues shall include the following:

1. COVID-19 vaccination;
2. Pre-entry Preparations;
WHEREAS, the resumption of sports training and competitions under a bubble-type facility shall be permitted, subject to compliance with the guidelines that shall be issued by the Commission on Higher Education, the Department of Education and the Department of Health, and as approved by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, to urge the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, the Department of Health, the Commission on Higher Education, and the Department of Education, to allow the safe resumption of school sports trainings and the conduct of athletic competitions so that student athletes who could potentially bring honor and award to the country in the future can continue to enhance their skills under prescribed health and safety protocols.

Adopted,