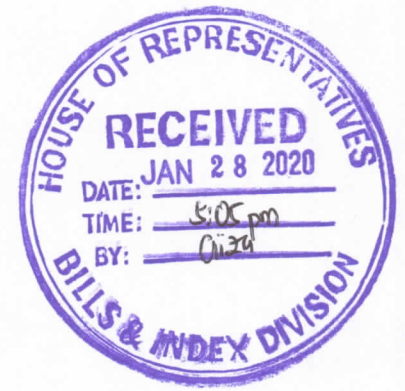


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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO CHARGES COLLECTED BY CABLE AND SATELLITE TELEVISION COMPANIES FROM ITS SUBSCRIBERS DESPITE THE EXPIRATION OF SOLAR ENTERTAINMENT'S CONTRACT TO SELL NBA PROGRAMMING TO CABLE AND SATELLITE TELEVISION PROVIDERS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, Solar Entertainment recently ceased the airing of its basketball channels BTV and NBA Premium TB after its contract to air the National Basketball Association (NBA) games expired last September 30, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, two (2) cable and satellite companies particularly Sky and Cignal are apparently negotiating with the NBA for the broadcast rights after Solar Entertainment ceased operations of its two (2) basketball channels;

**WHEREAS**, the hundreds of thousands of Filipino NBA fans can still access the games through the internet but are hopeful that it will once again be aired on television due to the slow streaming speed;

**WHEREAS**, despite the announcement of Solar Entertainment that its license to sell NBA Programming to the cable service providers such as Sky and Cignal had already expired, Sky and Cignal apparently continues to collect charges for the airing of NBA;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to determine if indeed Sky and Cignal are collecting charges for the airing of NBA despite the ceasing of operations of BTV and NBA Premium TV to protect the general public from possible exploitation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**, to direct the appropriate committees of the House of Representatives to conduct a joint inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the charges collected by cable and satellite television companies from its subscribers despite the expiration of Solar Entertainment's contract to sell NBA Programming to cable and satellite television providers in the Philippines.

Adopted,

  
**ESTRELLITA B. SUANSING**