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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 388**  
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**Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero**

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**A RESOLUTION  
URGING THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES IN AID OF LEGISLATION TO STOP AND  
PROHIBIT ALL COLLEGIATE LEAGUES FROM RECRUITING,  
ACQUIRING AND USING NON-FILIPINO CITIZENS AND FOREIGN  
IMPORTS AS PLAYERS, IN EFFECT STOPPING THE GROWTH  
AND DEVELOPMENT OF "HOMEGROWN FILIPINO PLAYERS"  
AND SHORTCHANGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS  
SPORTS PROGRAMS IN THE PHILIPPINES.**

**WHEREAS**, There is already a big problem in the development of Homegrown Filipino players in all Sports in the Country;

**WHEREAS**, Philippine Colleges and Universities recruit Non-Filipino and Foreign Import players so as to give undue advantage to their various collegiate and university teams;

**WHEREAS**, This practice of bringing in Non-Filipino and Foreign Import recruits does not help the development of any sport in the country, in fact it is counter-productive as it stunts the growth and development of Homegrown athletes;

**WHEREAS**, Philippine Colleges and Universities who are in practice of recruiting and using Non-Filipino and Foreign Import players are so engrossed

in winning a Championship for their schools that they do not anymore recruit players locally and instead go to African and American countries to find Imported players;

**WHEREAS**, There is no sense of affinity anymore between the players and the various spectators and fans, as the audience are merely watching an Foreign Import dominated collegiate and university teams. Unfortunately, this does not reflect so well on us as a people;

**WHEREAS**, There has been several suggestions regarding the creation of distinct awards for foreign players, considering that there should be a separate standard for them;

**WHEREAS**, There has been several response, a barrage of messages on social media, espousing the ban on Non-Filipino and Foreign Import players;

**WHEREAS**, Over the last 10 years, the rules of collegiate and university leagues have been flip-flopping on the issue, particularly in the NCAA and in the UAAP;

**WHEREAS**, There has never been harmony on the inclusion of foreign student-players in Philippine basketball or in any other sports in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, Progressively they evolved to limit the number and playing time of foreign reinforcements. However, that may be a violation upon the rights of the players in question, since they are included in the all-encompassing qualification "student-athlete";

**WHEREAS**, The proliferation of this Non-Filipino Citizens and Foreign Import Players are "**STOPPING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF HOMEGROWN FILIPINO TALENTS**".

**WHEREAS**, The last place finish of Gilas Pilipinas only shows the lack of homegrown talent;

**WHEREAS**, It is imperative that the legislature enact the necessary measures that would stop and prohibit all collegiate and university leagues from recruiting, acquiring and using Non-Filipino Citizens and Foreign Imports as players.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives to direct the proper Committee in aid of legislation to stop and prohibit all collegiate and university leagues from recruiting, acquiring and using Non-Filipino Citizens and Foreign Imports as players.

Adopted,



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