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RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN RIGHTS, PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY, DANGEROUS DRUGS, AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO ADDRESS EMERGING AND UNRESOLVED ISSUES BROUGHT FORTH BY THE JOINT INVESTIGATION OF THE PREVIOUS QUAD-COMMITTEE DURING THE NINETEENTH CONGRESS

WHEREAS, Section 21, Article VI of the 1987 Constitution empowers the House of Representatives or any of its committees to conduct inquiries in aid of legislation on matters of public interest;

WHEREAS, during the Nineteenth Congress, in the course of their respective investigations, it became evident to the Committees on Dangerous Drugs, Public Order and Safety, Human Rights, and Public Accounts conducted individual investigations which revealed overlapping concerns and common resource persons, highlighting the need for inter-committee collaboration to avoid jurisdictional conflicts and enhance institutional efficiency;

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2024, the House of Representatives, in plenary session, approved House Resolution No. 1880, adopted as Resolution No. 232, which authorized the formation of the so-called "Quad-Committee" to jointly investigate a range of critical national issues – including seized dangerous drugs; alleged extrajudicial killings and human rights violations in the anti-drug campaign; illegal activities linked to Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOs); and irregularities in public procurement processes;

WHEREAS, the joint inquiry conducted by the Quad-Committee revealed serious systemic issues, including thousands of deaths that violated due process and the rule of law; links between illegal drug operations and extrajudicial killings; criminal schemes involving POGOs, which might also have involved espionage; the uncovering of foreign fugitives in Philippine soil; and fraudulent acquisitions of Filipino citizenship;

WHEREAS, these findings led to the filing of key legislative measures in the Nineteenth Congress, including: **HB 10986**, otherwise known as the “**Anti-Extrajudicial Killing Act**”; **HB 10987**, otherwise known as the “**Anti-Offshore Gaming Operations Act**”; **HB 10998**, otherwise known as “**An Act Expanding the Coverage of Espionage**”; **HB 11043**, otherwise known as the “**Civil Forfeiture Act**”; and **HB 11117**, otherwise known as the “**Fraudulent Birth Certificate Cancellation Law**”;

WHEREAS, these proposed laws demonstrated the resolve of the House of Representatives to uphold justice, strengthen institutional accountability, protect human rights, prevent transnational crimes, and address fraudulent acts by foreign nationals;

WHEREAS, despite these legislative advances, many issues identified during the joint inquiry remain unresolved or only partially addressed, largely due to the non-appearance or lack of cooperation from key resource persons, threats to witnesses, and political interference, which hindered the full exercise of the Quad-Committee’s mandate;

WHEREAS, the evolving nature of these national concerns – spanning law enforcement, human rights, governance, and national security – requires a flexible, multi-disciplinary committee structure that allows for joint deliberations, avoids redundancy, and promotes transparency and accountability in legislative inquiries;

WHEREAS, in the interest of justice, legislative integrity, and public trust, there is a pressing need to reauthorize a joint inquiry by the same four Committees to pursue further investigation, propose remedial legislation, and seek a conclusive, transparent, and just resolution to these critical matters and to show the Filipino people that justice does not expire with time, and that this Congress dares to finish what it has stated: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To authorize the Committees on Human Rights, Public Order and Safety, Dangerous Drugs, and Public Accounts to conduct a joint inquiry, in aid of legislation, to address emerging and unresolved issues brought forth by the joint investigation of the previous Quad-Committee during the Nineteenth Congress.

Adopted,


BIENVENIDO M. ABANTE, JR.