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**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION, ON THE ILLEGAL ENTRY, THROUGH THE BUREAU OF  
CUSTOMS ("BOC") EXPRESS LANE, OF MORE THAN FIVE BILLION PESOS  
WORTH OF METHAMPHETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE ("SHABU")**

**WHEREAS**, it is a declared policy of the State to combat, eradicate, and actively rollback the proliferation of the illegal drug trade in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, it is likewise a declared policy of the State to crack down on the illicit importation of illegal substances from outside its borders;

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the State to ensure that its people and society are shielded from the deleterious effects of illegal substances such as Shabu;

**WHEREAS**, on 30 May 2017, agents of the BOC's Intelligence and Investigation Service and the National Bureau of Investigation's ("NBI") Anti-Organized Transnational Crime Division found five hundred kilos (500 kg) of Shabu which was worth more than five billion pesos (Php 5,000,000,000.00) in a warehouse in Paso de Blas, Valenzuela, the Shabu was found inside five metal insulators used for printing presses;

**WHEREAS**, it was revealed that the consignee of the five metal insulators was a certain EMT Trading ("EMT"), said consignee regularly imported similar products prior to this incident;

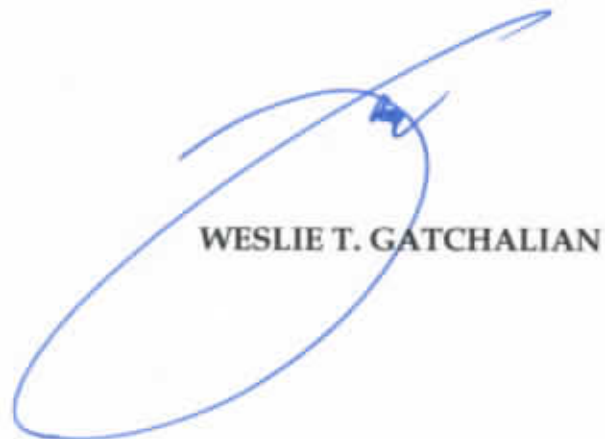
**WHEREAS**, BOC's has a policy of allowing the shipments of companies which frequently import similar products to pass through the express lane, where said shipments are not subject to x-ray checks or inspection;

**WHEREAS**, EMT's shipment, which contained the Shabu, passed in BOC's express lane on 23 May 2017, where it was not inspected or subjected to an x-ray check, which greatly aided the entry of a half-ton of Shabu to this country;

**WHEREAS**, to make matters worse, no alarms in the BOC were raised by the abnormally heavy weight of the five metal insulators, as said insulators weighed nearly twice its usual weight, this is despite the fact that Chinese law enforcement agencies had already shared information regarding this particular shipment of EMT;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives conduct a comprehensive investigation, in aid of legislation, on the policy of the BOC on maintaining an express lane - where no inspections or x-ray checks are conducted - and the possible involvement of BOC officials in aiding the surreptitious entry of a half-ton of Shabu to this country, as well as the events leading to the same, including the involvement and accountability of the owners, officers, and employees of EMT, and such other heads of law enforcement agencies tasked with preventing the entry of illegal substances.

Adopted,



**WESLIE T. GATCHALIAN**