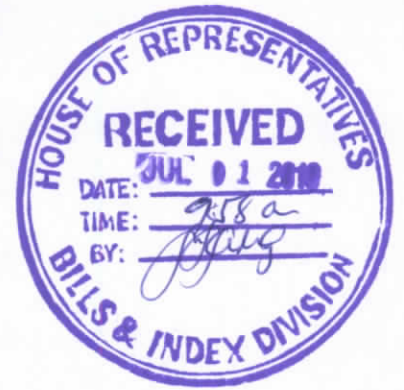


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Sponsored by **Hon. Estrellita B. Suansing**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PLUMETTING FARMGATE PRICE OF PALAY AND PROPOSE REMEDIAL MEASURES TO EASE THE BURDEN OF PALAY FARMERS IN ALL PROVINCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the buying price of newly harvested *palay* or unmilled rice in many parts of the country is at an all-time low with its continuing decline making it very hard for rice farmers to recover the high cost of production;

WHEREAS, in the Province of Nueva Ecija, the buying price of *palay* went down to as low as thirteen pesos (P13.00) to a kilo further aggravating the miserable plight of rice farmers in the country;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to determine the cause of the declining buying price of *palay* as it continues to dampen the planting intentions of many rice farmers throughout the country which may seriously affect the country's food security in the future;

WHEREAS, concerned government agencies and instrumentalities must be able to determine the factors that affect the buying price of *palay* including the Rice Tariffication Law or the liberalization of rice imports which may pressure the buying price of *palay* due to the possible escalation of importing cheap foreign rice.

WHEREAS, the government through its appropriate agencies must be able to guarantee the welfare of our rice farmers by way of ensuring that the allocation of Ten Billion Pesos (P10,000,000.00) representing the Rice Competitive Enhancement Fund under the Rice Tariffication Law will truly support the farmers and lower the cost of

production through farm mechanization, credit support and training opportunities;
and

WHEREAS, the government must be able to prevent unscrupulous rice traders and smugglers from taking advantage of the free market under the Rice Tariffication Law and control the prices to the detriment of the entire local rice industry which will also ultimately affect the consumers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to direct the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the plummeting farmgate price of *palay* and propose remedial measures to ease the burden of *palay* farmers in all provinces throughout the country.

Adopted,


ESTRELLITA B. SUANSING