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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

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Introduced by  
**Honorable DAVID C. SUAREZ and**  
**Honorable ANNA MARIE VILLARAZA-SUAREZ**

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**WHEREAS**, The Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 or the Republic Act 9994 provides for a monthly social pension of Five Hundred Pesos (P500) for indigent senior citizens to augment the daily subsistence and other medical needs of senior citizens.

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is the lead implementing agency of the Social Pension Program for Indigent Senior Citizens.

**WHEREAS**, according to Section II-C of the DSWD Administrative Order No. 03 series of 2011, the release of the social pension shall be done on a quarterly basis, only during the months of January, April, July and October every year.

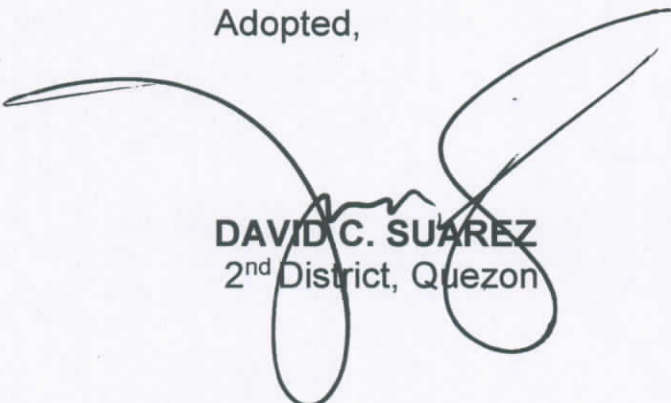
**WHEREAS**, the Social Pension Management Office (SPMO) of DSWD is tasked to adopt the most cost-effective and efficient mode of payments such as: a) Direct payment to Beneficiaries through the DSWD Field Office Special Disbursement Officer; b) Landbank ATM/Cash Card; c) Fund Transfer to LGUs; and Door-to-Door Delivery Scheme.

**WHEREAS**, senior citizens have reported to our office that the release of their pensions only starts when they reach the age of seventy (70) years old.

**WHEREAS**, in many Geographically-Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas, senior citizens usually rent out a vehicle from their own pocket and travel for hours to the nearest payout center.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES** to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation to investigate the delayed releases of the monthly pensions of indigent senior citizens and direct the Department of Social Welfare and Development to review and revise Memorandum Circular No. 04, Series of 2019 regarding the payout schedule and institutional structure for the Social Pension for Senior Citizens.

Adopted,



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