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Introduced by **Rep. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA**
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A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE NATIONAL POVERTY SITUATION TO INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING POVERTY DATA AND POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, despite a high growth rate among ASEAN countries, the poverty incidence in the Philippines which is registered at 21% remains higher than Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the government's poverty reduction programs, the lives of the poor remain stagnant;

WHEREAS, informed understanding of the real poverty situation in the country is required for an effective charting of directions for national growth and strategic planning for national economic development so as to ensure efficient and effective allocation and use of meager resources of government toward the attainment of national development goals;

WHEREAS, there is a need to examine and review existing poverty data and statistics to determine whether or not they sufficiently capture the real poverty situation not only in the national level but in the regional, provincial, city and municipal levels throughout the country as well;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to undertake a comprehensive assessment of poverty reduction efforts inclusive of all programs on social protection, social assistance, social insurance and labor intervention, and such other programs that address various factors impacting on poverty into which billions of public funds are allocated and spent annually;

WHEREAS, there has not been any integrated initiative to undertake a comprehensive review and assessment of poverty reduction efforts in the past decade so as to distill more accurate information and insights on the national poverty situation that are needed in the formulation of strategic policy frameworks for poverty reduction and in the implementation of responsive initiatives that truly improve the plight of the poor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Committee on Poverty Alleviation to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the national poverty situation to include, among others, a comprehensive review and assessment of existing poverty data and poverty reduction programs, as well as the performance of agencies tasked to implement poverty reduction programs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Poverty Alleviation submit a comprehensive report of its findings, and as may be warranted, include in the report, among others, national, regional, and provincial poverty maps, sector maps, and agency performance scorecards; formulate a national poverty reduction policy framework, and prepare a strategic national poverty reduction plan.

Adopted,



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