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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED MASS MIGRATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHER COMPENSATION WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME

WHEREAS, globally, there is a growing recognition of the fundamental importance of human capital as the primary force that drives national development. As such, investment in education and information, necessary for its development, has become a condition for a country to compete internationally.¹

WHEREAS, the 2008 McKinsey & Company Education Report concluded, "the quality of an educational system cannot exceed the quality of its teachers."

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution provides: "The State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education and ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment."²

WHEREAS, in 2017, the biggest portion of the national budget is allocated for education with 154.32 billion ($10.97 billion), a thirty percent (30%) increase from the previous year's allocation.

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fundamental role they play, and as a consequence of the increased budgetary allocation in education, the State significantly increased the salaries of public school teachers.

WHEREAS, the competitive compensation offered by public schools not only retained the best teachers but also attracted thousands of private school teachers to the public school system.

² The 1987 Philippine Constitution. Article XIV. Section 5 (5).
WHEREAS, consequent to the mass migration of private school teachers to the public school system, the quality of private education is projected to greatly suffer.

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution further provides, "The State recognizes the complementary role of public and private institutions in the educational system and shall exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions."³

WHEREAS, the education services provided by private schools aid the State in providing education to its citizens and ease the burden of the State in building more classrooms and in hiring more teachers in the public schools. Private school teachers therefore perform public function. Hence, Congress should consider supporting our private school teachers in the form of salary subsidies pursuant to the above-quoted provision without violating the legal maxim "public money shall be used only for public purposes."⁴

WHEREAS, pursuant to the constitutional provision that "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all,"⁵ this Representation respectfully proposes that the possibility of State subsidy to augment the salaries of private school teachers who are partners of the State in delivering quality education to the citizenry be considered and studied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO DIRECT THE PROPER HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED MASS MIGRATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHER COMPENSATION WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME.

Adopted.

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¹ The 1987 Philippine Constitution. Article XIV, Sec. 4 (1).
³ The 1987 Philippine Constitution. Article XIV, Section 1.