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House Resolution No. 531

Introduced by Rep. STRIKE B. REVILLA

RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF THE
DIFFERENT BAGONG LIPUNAN SITES AND SERVICES (BLISS) PROGRAM**

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 21, Article VI of the Constitution authorizes both chambers
2 of Congress, or any of their committees, to conduct inquiries in aid of legislation in
3 accordance with their duly published rules of procedure;

4 **WHEREAS**, Section 26 of Rule IX of the Rules of the House of Representatives
5 clothes the committees with oversight function and directs them to determine
6 whether or not laws and programs addressing matters within their respective
7 jurisdictions are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of
8 Congress, and whether or not they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated;

9 **WHEREAS**, the Committee on Housing and Urban Development of the House
10 of Representatives, has jurisdiction over matters directly and principally relating to
11 shelter delivery including services, agencies and instrumentalities of government
12 related thereto, and the management of urbanization issues and concerns such as,
13 among others, urban planning and development, urban land reform and welfare of
14 the urban poor in the overall context of enhancing housing and shelter services
15 delivery (Sec. 28[x], Rule IX, Rules of the House of Representatives);

16 **WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree No. 1396, series of 1978, identified the
17 Lungsod ng Silangan Townsites in the Municipalities of Antipolo, San Mateo and
18 Montalban, Province of Rizal, as the initial sites of the BLISS project;

1 **WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 517, series of 1979, was issued by President
2 Ferdinand Marcos, adopting the Bagong Lipunan Sites and Services (BLISS) Program
3 of the Ministry of Human Settlements as a major component of the development
4 strategy of the government;

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6 **WHEREAS**, the Ministry of Human Settlements (MHS) subsequently
7 constructed BLISS housing structures in Barangays Pag-asa, UP Campus, and
8 Sikatuna, all in Quezon City;

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10 **WHEREAS**, the beneficiaries of the BLISS projects entered into a 50-year lease
11 agreement with the government over the units they occupied;

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13 **WHEREAS**, the BLISS housing program have benefited thousands of the
14 underprivileged, not only in Metro Manila but also in the provinces, for more than
15 forty years now;

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17 **WHEREAS**, with the approaching termination of the respective lease
18 agreements entered into by the beneficiaries with the government, there is a need
19 to review the BLISS Program and determine its current status and future direction, as
20 well as the status of tenure of the current BLISS beneficiaries;

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22 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, **by the HOUSE OF**
23 **REPRESENTATIVES** to direct the Committee on Housing and Urban Development to
24 conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the status of the BLISS Program.

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26 **ADOPTED,**


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