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Introduced by Rep. STRIKE B. REVILLA

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**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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1396, series of 1978, identified the Lungsod ng Silangan Townsites in the Municipalities of Antipolo, San Mateo and Montalban, Province of Rizal, as the initial sites of the BLISS project;
WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 517, series of 1979, was issued by President Ferdinand Marcos, adopting the Bagong Lipunan Sites and Services (BLISS) Program of the Ministry of Human Settlements as a major component of the development strategy of the government;

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

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

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

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

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

ADOPTED,

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