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House Resolution No. 552

Introduced by Representatives Speaker Allan Peter Cayetano, Majority Leader Martin Romualdez, Minority Leader Bienvenido Abante Jr., Deputy Speaker Michael Romero, Deputy Speaker Rodante Marcoleta, Deputy Speaker Conrado Estrella and Deputy Speaker Eddie Villanueva

A RESOLUTION
RESPECTFULLY URGING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTION (COMELEC) TO ISSUE THE CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATIONS (COPs) TO THE RESPECTIVE FIRST NOMINEES OF THE PARTY LISTS SENIOR CITIZEN AND DUTERTE YOUTH REPRESENTATING THE LAST TWO REMAINING SEATS ALLOCATED TO PARTY LIST REPRESENTATIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1987 PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, last May 2019 National Elections, the Senior Citizens Party List and the Duterte Youth Party List, elected by a total of 857,653 Filipino voters, were among the winning party list groups comprising the 61 seats allotted in the House of Representatives for Party List in the 18th Congress;

WHEREAS, it has been six (6) months from the date of the conclusion of canvassing but there are no Certificate of Proclamations (COPs) issued to the two (2) respective Party Lists due to unresolved Petitions for Disqualification against the respective first nominees of the Party Lists mentioned;

WHEREAS, under Rule 25 Part V of the Rules of Procedure of the COMELEC, the resolution and/or decision of the Petition for Disqualification must not be delayed as the nature of the Petition is summary;

WHEREAS, the prolonged or more than six (6) months unresolved and undecided cases evidently deny due process to the parties, including the disenfranchised 857,653 Filipinos who voted for the Party Lists Senior Citizens (with 510,356 votes) and Duterte Youth (with 347,297 votes);

WHEREAS, the continued absence of the Representatives from the two (2) Party Lists in the House of Representatives by reason of delayed resolution of the cases constitutes violation of the COMELEC on its mandate in listening to the voice of the people by avoiding disenfranchisement of the voters, and violation of the mandates under the 1987 Philippine Constitution for Party Lists to represent at least 20% of the total number of Representatives in Congress;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to issue the COPs of the Senior Citizens and Duterte Youth Party Lists in accordance with Republic Act No. 7941, otherwise
known as the Party List System Act, stating that their respective assumption of public office would promote proportional representation in the election of representatives, which will enable Filipino citizens belonging to marginalized and under-represented sectors to contribute in the formulation and enactment of appropriate legislations for the benefit the nation as a whole.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, to respectfully urge the COMELEC to issue the Certificate of Proclamations (COPs) to the respective first nominees of the Party Lists Senior Citizens and Duterte Youth representing the last two (2) remaining seats allocated to the Party List Representatives in the 18th Congress, in accordance with the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

Adopted,