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Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOY MYRA S. TAMBUNTING**

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**A RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER RELATED COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN  
INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROLIFERATION OF FAKE  
ACCOUNTS ON FACEBOOK AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS**

**WHEREAS**, online security and safety remains a growing concern in light of our society's dependence on online and social media platforms;

**WHEREAS**, in recent days, many fake accounts on Facebook have been created in an attempt to steal the online profile of many Filipinos;

**WHEREAS**, there are also several reports of these fake Facebook accounts allegedly sending threatening messages to their namesake accounts;

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution guarantees "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects" under Article III, Sec. 2 thereof ;

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution also guarantees the right of privacy. In particular, Article III, Sec. 3 guarantees states "the privacy of communication and correspondence shall be inviolable.";

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution also guarantees the right of freedom of speech, which is compromised by the impersonation of a citizen's character and identity. In particular, Article III, Sec. 4 guarantees will that "No law shall be passed abridging the freedom of speech, of expression, or of the press...";

**WHEREAS**, the creation of fake accounts which attempt to mimic the online accounts of Filipino citizens is a clear and blatant violation of these constitutionally protected rights;

**WHEREAS**, the intentional acquisition, use, misuse, transfer, possession, alteration or deletion of identifying information belonging to another, whether natural or juridical, without right, and with or without damage, is a crime denominated as Computer-related Identity-Theft, as defined and penalized under Section 4 (b)(3) of R.A. No. 10175 or the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012;

**WHEREAS**, fake accounts are also actively used for disinformation campaigns which is alarming and harmful in this time wherein many people rely on digital platforms for information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic;


**WHEREAS**, Computer-related Identity-theft has also been committed against government workers and employees, bolstering the risk these fake accounts will be used for misinformation;

**WHEREAS**, Congress must look into additional legislation necessary to effectively protect our citizens from any violation of their online rights and ensure their safety in online public spaces;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives direct the Committee on Information and Communications Technology and other relevant committees to immediately conduct a comprehensive investigation into the proliferation of fake accounts on Facebook and other social media platforms.

**BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the investigating Committees invite resource persons who are competent to answer the questions at hand. These resource persons include, but are not limited to, persons whose names were used to create fake social media accounts, local representatives of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other social media platforms, representatives from the National Privacy Commission, the Department of Justice, the Department of Information and Communications Technology, the Anti-Cyber Crime Group of the Philippine National Police, persons who have been charged with alleged cyber-crimes, among other resource persons the investigating Committees may decide to invite.

Adopted,

  
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