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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 49

Submitted by the Committee on Foreign Affairs on JAN 17 2017

Re: House Resolution No. 691

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 229

Sponsor: Representative Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Foreign Affairs to which was referred **House Resolution No. 229**, introduced by Representative Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A PASSPORT ISSUANCE OFFICE IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF ABRA”

has 691 considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 691, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A PASSPORT ISSUANCE OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA”

be adopted with Representatives Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos, Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Julieta R. Cortuna, Ann K. Hofer, Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso, Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Strike B. Revilla, Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño, Lorna C. Silverio, Enrico A. Pineda, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro, Henry S. Oaminal and Gus S. Tambunting as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA
Chairperson
Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Speaker
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RESOLUTION
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A
PASSPORT ISSUANCE OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA

1 **WHEREAS**, passport issuance is the most basic consular service accessed by
2 the Filipino people;

3 **WHEREAS**, the province of Abra, one of the most populous areas in the
4 Cordillera Administrative Region, is located at the mid-western section of the region and
5 is bordered by the provinces of Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte, Apayao, Kalinga and Mt.
6 Province;

7 **WHEREAS**, the only Regional Consular Office in the Cordillera Administrative
8 Region is located in Baguio City which is a considerable distance away from Abra and
9 its neighboring areas;

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11 **WHEREAS**, establishing a Department of Foreign Affairs Passport Issuance
12 Office in Abra will better serve and cater to the consular needs of its residents as well as
13 those in the nearby provinces;

14 **RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF**
15 **REPRESENTATIVES**, To urge the Department of Foreign Affairs to establish a
16 Passport Issuance Office in Abra.

Adopted,