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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TO INVITE  
TELECOMMUNICATION FIRMS AND OTHER INTERNET  
SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SHED LIGHT ON THEIR SLOW AND  
EXPENSIVE INTERNET SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines leads the world on average time spent daily using the internet via any device at 10 hours and two minutes, according to the Digital 2019 report despite lagging behind from its neighbors when it comes to Internet service;

**WHEREAS**, according to AGB Nielsen Philippines, about one of three **Filipinos** in the Philippines have access to the Internet. Among the findings in this report were: 43.5% of Filipinos accessed the Internet, five percentage points higher than the Southeast Asian regional average of 38%;

**WHEREAS**, 47 percent of adult Filipinos use the Internet and the Philippines now has 70 million Internet users, with all of them active on social media;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines' fixed broadband speed ranked 29th in Asia and 21st in Asia-Pacific in February 2019, a global index showed but it is still haunted by its rank as 3<sup>rd</sup> slowest connection speed in Asia;

**WHEREAS**, also according to Ookla's Speedtest Global Index, the fixed broadband internet speeds in the country improved "significantly" from 7.91 Megabits per second (Mbps) in July 2016 to 19.28 Mbps in February 2019, a 143.74% improvement in two and a half years;

**WHEREAS**, Internet speed for mobile broadband also "improved" by 94.35% from 7.44 Mbps in July 2016 to 14.46Mbps in February 2019. The improvement ranked the Philippines 33rd in Asia and 23rd in Asia-Pacific in mobile broadband internet speed;

**WHEREAS**, despite the said reports and improved rankings, majority of Filipino Internet users are fed up by these lies of "flaunted improvements" and remain exasperated by the poor service of these local Internet service providers for the country's slow connection to the World Wide Web in comparison to neighboring countries in Asia where such services also cost less;

**WHEREAS**, it was noted that in 2014, the first-quarter results of the "State of the Internet Report" of Akamai, a major US-based provider, which said the Philippines has an average speed of only 2.1 Mbps. (This slightly improved to 2.5 in the second-quarter survey, the latest available on the firm's website.);

**WHEREAS**, the Akamai Technologies Q1 2017 State of the Internet report contained information that, though average internet connection speed had increased 20% year-on-year, the Philippines, at 5.5 Mbit/s, once again had the lowest average connection speed among surveyed Asia Pacific countries/regions;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to address this alarming and poor state of Internet service in the country as it impacts on consumer welfare, productivity, right to information and ultimately on our economy;

**WHEREAS**, recent study also showed that the country's actual speed never reaches the advertised speed and the rudest part is that the Internet providers collect more every year;

**WHEREAS**, local consumers, would spend about P1,000 a month for Internet service with speeds of up to only 2.0 Mbps or about P2,000 for up to 5.0 Mbps;

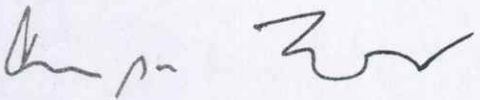
**WHEREAS**, but the largest telecommunications company in Singapore offers 15 Mbps of Internet speed for 36.90 Singapore dollars or about P1,312 a month. In Thailand, 799 baht, or about P1,100, could give consumers 12 Mbps of connection;

**WHEREAS**, even the advent of fiber Internet, the slow speed lingers in our midst;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to enhance effective competition in the telecommunications industry in order to promote the state policy of providing the environment for the emergence of communications structures suitable to the balanced flow of information;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TO INVITE TELECOMMUNICATION FIRMS AND OTHER INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THEIR SLOW AND EXPENSIVE INTERNET SERVICE.**

*Adopted.*

  
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