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House Resolution No. 685



Introduced by Honorable Deogracias Victor 'DV' B. Savellano

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ONLINE COMPANIES SUCH AS GRAB, LAZADA, SURPLUS, SHOPEE, AIR BNB, ANGKAS AND SUCH OTHER SIMILAR COMPANIES, AS TO WHETHER THEY ARE CORRECTLY PAYING THEIR TAXES AND TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH

WHEREAS, Information and Communications Technology (ICT) as a major component of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (FIRe) has profoundly changed the world in terms of convenient services to every person on this planet via the internet thru the computer and the ubiquitous smartphone;

WHEREAS, about two-thirds of the world's population are not just with mobile communications but with a mobile computing device that is more powerful (in terms of computing capacity) than the space shuttles that were sent in the early years of this millennium;

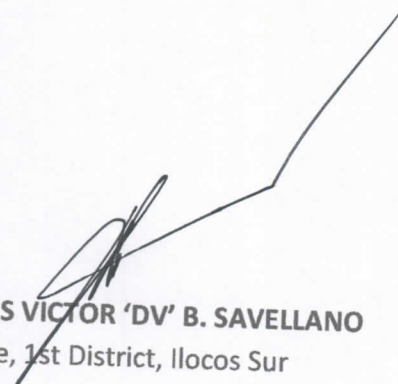
WHEREAS, these mobile technologies, phones and tablets have become a platform for global commerce and these phones can simultaneously aggregate the entire supply and demand for markets, such as jobs, hotels, transport services and delivery services of various items to customers;

WHEREAS, thru such mobile technologies, these online companies such as Grab, Lazada, Surplus, Shopee, AirBnB, Angkas and the like have been generating a sizeable profit ;

WHEREAS, whenever technology takes a giant leap forward in such a short time, it is always difficult for the State or its government to catch up in terms of regulation, more importantly to collect the proper taxes from such novel enterprises that we would never have imagined a century before;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ONLINE COMPANIES SUCH AS GRAB, LAZADA, SURPLUS, SHOPEE, AIRBNB, ANGKAS AND SUCH OTHER SIMILAR COMPANIES AS TO WHETHER THEY ARE CORRECTLY PAYING THEIR TAXES AND TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH

Adopted,



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