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**Introduced by ACT-CIS Party-list Representative ROWENA NIÑA O. TADURAN**

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**RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO ALLOCATE MORE RESOURCES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE READING COMPREHENSION OF STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, data from the Philippine Informal Reading Inventory (PHIL-IRI), claimed that more than 70,000 students from Grade 1 to senior high school in Bicol “cannot read”;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines performed the poorest out of 79 countries in the 2018 Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) exam - a reading literacy assessment conducted by the inter-government group Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development;

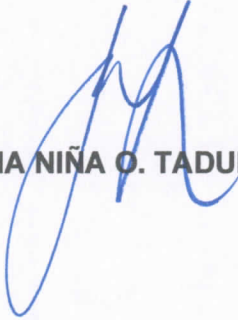
**WHEREAS**, regardless of whether or not these reports are accurate is beside the point; what is evident is that our students nowadays are poorer in reading comprehension than the students of yesteryears;

**WHEREAS**, the youth is the hope of the nation; thus, we need to address our students’ deficiency by encouraging them to read more through the establishment of reading laboratories, by conducting more productive seminars for teachers, etc.;

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines most respectfully urges the national government to allocate more resources towards the improvement of the reading comprehension of students in public schools;

**RESOLVED, FURTHER,** that these resources be used for the purchase of more books, establishment of reading laboratories, conducting more productive seminars for teachers, encouraging students to focus more on reading, etc.

**RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE,** that the Department of Education be directed to spearhead this campaign;

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**ROWENA NIÑA O. TADURAN**