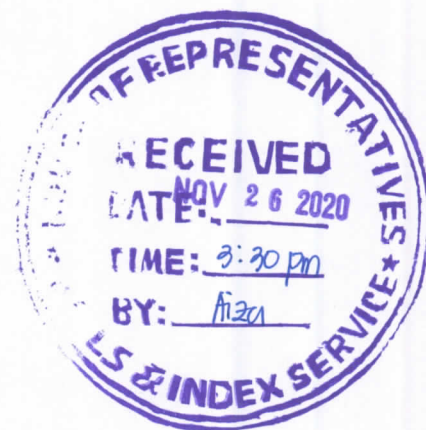


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House Resolution No. 1388



Introduced by **HONORABLE DEOGRACIAS VICTOR "DV" B. SAVELLANO**

RESOLUTION

FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S (DEPED) NON-COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 879, (MAY 14, 2010) DIRECTING IT TO USE BAMBOO FOR AT LEAST TWENTY FIVE (25%) PERCENT OF THE DESK AND OTHER FURNITURE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 879 has stated that the planting and the use of bamboo will significantly contribute to the mitigation of climate change and disaster management considering its carbon capture and cheaper reforestation cost. It further declared that bamboo can be easily transformed into a cash crop for farmers and community-based forest management holders who engaged in its cultivation thereby alleviating poverty;

WHEREAS, the growing advocacy for green products is fast becoming a cost effective and attractive complement and/or alternative to plastic, metal and wood materials and can generate more jobs and self-employment opportunities in both rural and urban areas;

WHEREAS, according to reports and dialogues with the DepEd's officials, it seems that the department has not been meeting its directed instruction to use bamboo for at least twenty five (25%) percent of the desk and other furniture requirements of public elementary and secondary schools. This runs counter to the objectives of EO No. 879 which was promulgated over a decade ago;

WHEREAS, there is a great need to aggressively promote the product development and market access of bamboo products to sustain the development of the bamboo industry;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to call for an investigation into the Department of Education's (DepEd) non-compliance with Executive Order No. 879 (May 14, 2010) directing it to use bamboo for at least twenty five (25%) percent of the desk and other furniture requirements of public elementary and secondary schools.

Adopted,


DEOGRACIAS VICTOR "DV" B. SAVELLANO