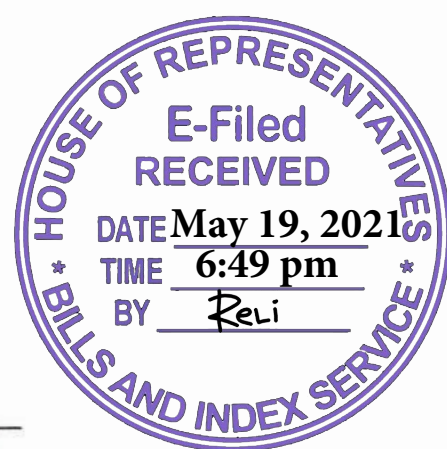


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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1781



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES ENRICO A. PINEDA, PAUL RUIZ DAZA,
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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPEMNT, COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY CONDUCT OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS TOWARDS FOREIGN NATIONALS RESIDING IN SUBDIVISIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, every person is entitled to universal rights and freedoms, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a State Party to several international agreements which aim to eliminate all forms of discrimination and abuse such as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR); the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR); the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD); and International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW); and such conventions were adopted and ratified under Philippine laws;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 966 implements the treaty obligations of the Philippines under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, by declaring that "all organizations and all propaganda activities, which promote and incite racial discrimination, and hereby declared illegal and prohibited";

WHEREAS, Executive Order 100, Series of 2019 creates a national program to promote diversity and inclusion to consolidate the nations efforts towards the elimination of discrimination;

WHEREAS, there have been several reports of homeowners associations mistreating foreign residents, deliberately disregarding their basic human rights by making it difficult for them to enter the subdivisions in which they reside, and that they are being treated differently allegedly because of their race;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9904 otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for


Homeowners and Homeowners' Associations" provides that it is prohibited for any person "to deprive any homeowner of his/her right to avail of or enjoy basic community services and facilities where he/she has paid the dues, charges, and other fees for such services;"

WHEREAS, homeowners associations should not practice nor incite racial discrimination against foreign nationals who are homeowners, renters, or their guests, and any form of discrimination should not be tolerated, especially racism, and that the State should do everything in its power to prevent this;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for Congress to investigate the alleged racial discrimination being done by homeowners organizations towards foreign nationals residing in their respective subdivisions, in view of enacting laws that may prevent such circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives that the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, Committee on Human Rights and other appropriate committees conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the alleged discriminatory conduct of Homeowners Associations towards foreign nationals residing in subdivisions in the Philippines

Adopted,



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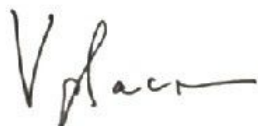
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