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2 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 Quezon City

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5 EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
6 Third Regular Session

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8 HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 1963
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10 Introduced by
11 BAYAN MUNA Representatives CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE,
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13 ACT TEACHERS Party-List Representative FRANCE L. CASTRO,
14 GABRIELA Women's Party Representative ARLENE D. BROSAS
15 and KABATAAN Party-List Representative SARAH JANE I. ELAGO
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18 A RESOLUTION
19 FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
20 GOVERNMENT, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE
21 REPORTED QUESTIONABLE JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
22 GOVERNMENT OF CEBU AND THE MEGAWIDE CORPORATION IN THE
23 CONSTRUCTION AND CONVERSION OF THE HISTORIC CARBON MARKET FROM A
24 PUBLIC MARKET INTO A P5.5 BILLION-PESO COMMERCIAL CENTER TO THE
25 PREJUDICE OF THE VENDORS THEREIN AND THE DETRIMENT OF THE GENERAL
26 PUBLIC
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28 WHEREAS, on January 11, 2021, Mayor Edgardo Labella, on behalf of the City Government of
29 Cebu, entered into a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) with the Megawide Corporation, which allows
30 the latter to construct and transform the historic Cebu's Carbon Market into a P5.5 Billion commercial
31 complex, then, "manage" said complex for a period of 50 years;
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33 WHEREAS, the Carbon Market is the biggest public market in the Province of Cebu and has long
34 been the melting pot of farmers and fisherfolks, not only of Cebu, but, also of the neighboring
35 provinces of Bohol, Siquijor and Negros;

36 WHEREAS, among others, the project will 1) displace thousands of vendors who will be affected by
37 the conversion and who can no longer afford the stalls within the mall; 2) destroy a heritage building,
38 which has been part of the Cebuano culture; 3) destroy the traditional market destination of people in
39 the city and the province; and 3) drastically increase the price of basic commodities which will
40 unduly burden Carbon market clientele, particularly the ordinary consumers;

41 WHEREAS, the JVA was reportedly signed without the requisite wide and adequate consultations
42 among all stakeholders affected by the said multi-billion project;

43 WHEREAS, many City Councilors themselves reportedly admitted during one of their sessions that
44 they have not fully read the JVA and just signed the same without adequate information on its
45 contents and ramifications;

46 WHEREAS, the vendors themselves have expressed strong opposition to the privatization project,
47 which clearly will affect their livelihood, and, the public in general, as well;
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1 **WHEREAS**, the project is an emblematic of government projects that clearly disregard the welfare
2 of the people, in the name of modernization, privatization and commercialization;

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4 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives, through the
5 Committee on Local Government, conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported
6 questionable Joint Venture Agreement between the City Government of Cebu and the Megawide
7 Corporation in the construction and conversion of the historic Carbon Market from a public market
8 into a commercial center/mall in violation of the Heritage law and to the prejudice of the vendors
9 therein and to the detriment of the general public.

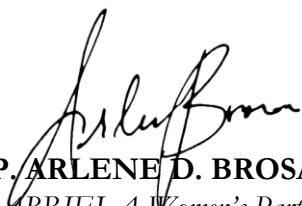
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