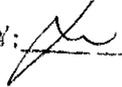


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, LABOR,
EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH,
WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION ON THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT AS REGARDS YOUTH
EMPOWERMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

Whereas, Article II Section 18 of the 1987 Constitution states that "[t]he State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare";

Whereas, in 2010, the National Economic and Development Authority has reported that the unemployment rate for the said year was at 7.3 percent while underemployment rate is at 18.7 percent;

Whereas, according to the Department of Labor, approximately 20 percent of the country's population fall between 15 to 24 years old and that almost half, or 49 percent of this age group are unemployed;

Whereas, in 2006, a study by International Labor Organization (ILO) showed that in the Philippines, the youth to adult unemployment ratio stood at 3.1:1 meaning that young people were three times more likely to become unemployed compared to adults;

Whereas, it is essential that the government take advantage of the youth's productive capacity and give them alternatives to migration to ensure the future competitiveness and sustainable development of the country;

Whereas, interestingly in a study made by the International Monetary fund, it stated that in 2001 the unemployment rate in the rural areas, which is at 8.3 percent, is far lesser than in urban areas which is at 14.1 percent;

Whereas, despite the gap in unemployment rate however, National Statistics Coordination Board reports in 2000, that poverty incidence in the rural areas (41.4 percent) as significantly higher as compared to the urban areas (15 percent);

Whereas, ILO explains that the disparity is caused by the fact that those living in the rural areas are seriously under-employed or self-employed with very low productivity levels;

Whereas, considering the above it is urgent for the legislature to craft measures to address the precarious situation of the youth employment and the rural poverty incidence in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Committees on Economic Affairs, Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development and Youth, Women and Family Relations to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation on the policy of the government as regards youth empowerment and rural development.

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR