A RESOLUTION
URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INCLUDE ALLOCATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO FILIPINO FISHERFOLKS OF NORTH LUZON IN THE PURCHASE OF BIG FISHING VESSELS TO ENABLE THEM TO COMPETE WITH FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS

WHEREAS, Filipino fisherfolk of North Luzon traditionally fish in the waters of the West Philippine Sea using small fishing boat which is a very challenging and difficult for their fishing activity;

WHEREAS, these small scale fishing activity will be of great help and support for Filipino fisherfolks of North Luzon to earn a living for their families despite the challenges and issues the country is experiencing with China;

WHEREAS, the situation in the traditional fishing ground has recently deteriorated with the swarming of foreign vessels, some of which turned out to be Chinese militia boats that exploited the marine resources in the area;

WHEREAS, in ensuing situation, Filipino fisherfolks were driven away by the foreign encroached with bigger and more powerful fishing boats to the detriment and disadvantage of our countrymen;

WHEREAS, the message conveyed by these foreign intruders to the Filipino fisherfolks is that the way more powerful and must stay away from the area at all times which not only deprives Filipino fisherfolks but also restricts us on our own territory;

WHEREAS, this affront cannot be tolerated or accepted for long and must compel the Philippine government to assist our Filipino fisherfolks by enabling and supporting them the best way possible to build and/or acquire bigger and sturdy fishing vessels to compete head on with these foreign vessels;
WHEREAS, to address this pressing concern, the House of Representatives (HREP) seeks the Department of Agriculture to prioritize this vital concern by including as part of its funding allocation the purchase of bigger fishing vessels for the improvement of the fishing activities conducted by our Filipino fisherfolks;

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for the House of Representatives to look into this vital concern with the help and coordination of the Department of Agriculture;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, to urge the House of Representatives to include allocation for assistance to Filipino fisherfolks of North Luzon in the purchase of big fishing vessels to enable them to compete with foreign fishing vessels.

Adopted,

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