A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS AND PROVISIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7879 also known as the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Modernization Act was enacted into law on February 23, 1995 under the administration of President Fidel V. Ramos. Said law was intended to be implemented for fifteen (15) years or until 2010;

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2021 a revised modernization act was created and issued as Republic Act No. 10349 under the administration of the late President Benigno Aquino III. Said amendatory law is to run for another fifteen (15) years to build and strengthen the branches of AFP and be able to repel assessed external threats from other nations;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10349 is divided into three (3) horizons and under the administration of President Rodrigo Duterte the Horizon two (2) is being implemented in accordance with the acquisition programs until 2022;

WHEREAS, the enactments are aimed to purchase more combat utility to fight terrorism and maintain local security resulting to heightened competency of the nation’s military capabilities;

WHEREAS, the recent plane crash involving a military asset known as C-130 “Hercules” that resulted to the demise of military personnel and a few civilians is demoralizing in a sense that no soldier should die from a military hardware glitch;

WHEREAS, it is urgent for the House of Representatives Committee on National Defense to conduct an investigation and review the provisions of the AFP Modernization program. This investigation is sought to assist proposals of legislative remedies to totally avoid similar mishaps involving soldiers risking their lives protecting the nation.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives direct the Committee on National Defense to conduct a comprehensive investigation and review into the status of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Modernization Program to be able to suitably propose legislative remedies addressing its deficiencies.

Adopted,

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