A RESOLUTION
URGING THE COMMITTEES ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED OPERATION OF ILLEGAL NUMBERS GAMES CLAIMING TO BE PERYAHAN NG BAYAN GAMES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2020, the Office of the President, through Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea, informed the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) that the resumption of Peryahan ng Bayan games “does not bear the approval of the President and is still subject to the suspension order of PCSO games pronounced earlier by the President.”;

WHEREAS, despite this resolute order from the President, illegal numbers games claiming to be “Peryahan ng Bayan” are abound in various parts of the country and are even using the PCSO’s name and logo.

WHEREAS, the Deed of Authority granted to Globaltech Mobile Online Corp. to operate Peryahan ng Bayan had already expired in March 2016 and was not renewed by the PCSO because of Globaltech’s failure to remit around P506 million, including penalty charges, in revenues. Moreover, there are reports that some people were paid to spread misinformation on the legality of these games, even going so far as to claim that there exists a “congressional approval” for such operations;

WHEREAS, the PCSO in response to such reports had coordinated with the appropriate law enforcement agencies to look into such illegal activity and inform them that the only PCSO games allowed are Lotto, Keno, Scratch It, Sweepstakes, and Small Town Lottery (STL) in 81 cities and provinces;

WHEREAS, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, these operators are not only guilty of illegally conducting these games, but are also in contempt of health safety protocols, thereby posing social, financial, and health risks to many Filipinos;
WHEREAS, due to the government’s preoccupation in combating the COVID-19 virus, the outlaws behind these illegal numbers games had taken advantage of the situation to bleed both the government and the people dry of much needed money;

WHEREAS, failure to swiftly apprehend the people behind these operations may lead to it being an entrenched criminal activity in the country. The severity of the situation may even escalate into violence as evidenced by the death threats received by Antique governor Rhodora J. Cadiao after directing the local police to stop the operation of illegal “Peryahan ng Bayan” games in the province;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives of the Philippines to urge the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability and Games and Amusements to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the alleged operation of illegal numbers games claiming to be “Peryahan ng Bayan” games in various parts of the country.

Adopted,

HON. RAMON V. GUICO III, DPM
Representative
Fifth District of Pangasinan

HON. ARNOLD “NOLI” D. CELESTE
Representative
First District of Pangasinan

HON. CONRADO M. ESTRELLA
Deputy Speaker
Party List- ABONO