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RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TO INVITE FOR DISCUSSION THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE ON THE MATTER OF REVENUE AND COLLECTION TARGETS VIS-À-VIS THE ALLOTMENTS IT RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO EFFICIENTLY PERFORM ITS MANDATE

Whereas, taxes collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) dropped by more than ten (10) percent in 2020 as the country faced the first year of the coronavirus pandemic;

Whereas, collection target was downscaled that year, and much lower than the record-high P2.18 trillion collected by the BIR in 2019;

Whereas, despite the pandemic, the digitalization efforts of the BIR and its stepped-up campaign against delinquent taxpayers and tax dodgers have enabled it to overshoot its collection target in 2020, with P1.67 trillion or 86 percent of the P1.94 trillion in total taxes collected by the agency coursed through electronic payment channels;

Whereas, the Bureau reported in July, 2021 that it had collected P1.034 trillion in taxes for the first six months of this year, again exceeding its revenue collection target of P1.017 trillion by P16.35 billion, or 1.61 percent, and surpassing the collections in the January to June 2020 period by 8.6 percent;

Whereas, House Resolution No. 1538 lauded the BIR for its efficient tax collection for 2020 despite the pandemic;

Whereas, these figures are indeed commendable but nevertheless seem to be insufficient to support the government’s efforts to fight off the pandemic and revive the economy;
Whereas, the BIR received an allotment amounting to P9,483,792,263.00 for fiscal FY 2020 to fulfill its mandate which covers the assessment and collection of all national internal revenue taxes, fees, and charges, and the enforcement of all forfeitures, penalties, and fines connected therewith;

Whereas, there is thus an imperative need for the Committee on Public Accounts to look into the proper utilization of the BIR’s allocation, especially since there is a pandemic that is vexing the operational readiness of many government institutions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, for the Committee on Public Accounts to invite for discussion BIR Commissioner Cesar R. Dulay and other officials as hereinafter may be named and identified, to discuss the above-stated subject matter and for the Committee to come out, if necessary, with recommendations to improve the utilization of the BIR allocation for a more efficient tax collection.

Adopted,

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