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Introduced by **Rep. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO**

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**RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO ACT WITH  
DISPATCH ON HOW TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE CURRENT STATE OF  
PHILIPPINE EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, it is constitutionally prescribed as a matter of State policy that the “State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.”<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS, the Philippines is among the 5 countries in the world that have greatly suffered in terms of educational system and the right to learn due to the late conduct or non-conduct of in-person classes brought about by the pandemic.

WHEREAS, Philippine education has been criticized by international institutions, such as the UNICEF and the WB, for having poor education ranking that ranges from the quality of hiring and development of teachers, and school infrastructure, funding and management.<sup>2</sup>

WHEREAS, a new WB study showed that schoolchildren in the Philippines struggled with studying offsite, resulting in a new high 90% learning poverty rate – which actually means that 9 out of 10 Filipino schoolchildren by age of 10 cannot read and understand a simple text.<sup>3</sup>

WHEREAS, with this study, the Philippines is placed alongside other countries like Ethiopia, Madagascar and Afghanistan at the lowest rate.

WHEREAS, this alarming state of Philippine education cannot be overstated; on the contrary, the Philippine government must act swiftly with effectiveness to address this quite important and alarming issue for it to be consistent with constitutionally enshrined State policies on education.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 17, Article 2, Constitution.

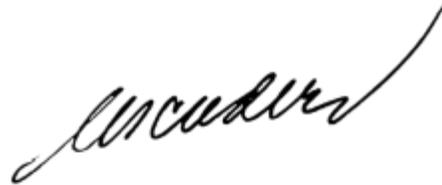
<sup>2</sup> Assessing Basic Education Service Delivery in the Philippines: Public Education Expenditure Tracking and Quantitative Service Delivery Study. [worldbank.org](http://worldbank.org)

<sup>3</sup> WB: 9 out of 10 PH kids age 10 cannot read. Ben O. de Vera. [newsinfo.inquirer.net](http://newsinfo.inquirer.net). 26 November 2021.

WHEREAS, it is likewise submitted that the establishment of a specific reading teacher in every elementary school must be made mandatory as a viable means to provide and strengthen the reading capability of Filipino children even it would mean allocating additional funds for it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Philippine Government act with dispatch to effectively address the alarming state of Philippine education.

*Adopted.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Escudero', written in a cursive style.

**EVELINA G. ESCUDERO**