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Introduced by **Representative CAMILLE A. VILLAR**

RESOLUTION

URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON WAYS AND MEANS, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON WAYS TO INCENTIVIZE 'GREEN' INDUSTRIES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROVIDING MORE JOBS AND PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution enjoins people to care for nature as the fundamental law expressly states in Article II, Section 15: "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 20 provides that the State recognizes the "indispensable role of the private sector, encourages private enterprise, and provides incentives to needed investments";

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 1 articulates:

"The goals of the national economy are a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income, and wealth; a sustained increase in the amount of goods and services produced by the nation for the benefit of the people; and an expanding productivity as the key to raising the quality of life for all, especially the underprivileged.

The State shall promote industrialization and full employment based on sound agricultural development and agrarian reform, through industries that make full and efficient use of human and natural resources, and which are competitive in both domestic and foreign markets. However, the State shall protect Filipino enterprises against unfair foreign competition and trade practices.

In the pursuit of these goals, all sectors of the economy and all regions of the country shall be given optimum opportunity to develop. Private enterprises, including corporations, cooperatives, and similar collective organizations, shall be encouraged to broaden the base of their ownership”;

WHEREAS, it is also a declared policy of the State to “promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all” (Article II, Section 9);

WHEREAS, Section 5 provides that “the State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development”;

WHEREAS, Section 18 affirms the State’s policy of recognizing labor “as a primary social economic force. It shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare”;

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 3 provides: “The State shall afford full protection to labor, local and overseas, organized and unorganized, and promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all”;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 10771 or the Philippine Green Jobs Act was enacted in 2016 to pave the way for more “green jobs” or employment that promotes preservation of the environment and protecting ecosystems;

WHEREAS, under the law, qualified businesses are entitled to additional deduction from their taxable income – equivalent to 50% of the total skills training and research expenses;

WHEREAS, the government also provides some form of incentives through the Climate Incentives for Manufacturing program in which the Department of Trade and Industry’s Board of Investments grants capital equipment perks and income tax holiday to companies that promote the “greening” of the country’s manufacturing industry and its sub-sectors;

WHEREAS, despite robust GDP growth rates, the Philippines should also address unemployment rate of 6.5% or some 3.159 million jobless Filipinos in November 2021;

WHEREAS, in order to spur the green industry, the government should expand its incentive program beyond the manufacturing sector and promote more green firms, particularly micro, small and medium enterprises, that adopt an eco-friendly approach in their operations;

WHEREAS, while consumers need to be fully aware of the need and importance of buying sustainable items, entities must be rewarded for employing eco-friendly methods in order to reduce their costs and result in lower prices;

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the House Committees on Ways and Means, Labor and Employment, Economic Affairs, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development, and other appropriate committees to conduct an assessment, in aid of legislation, on ways to incentivize green industries with the end in view of providing more jobs and promoting sustainable livelihood.

Adopted,



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