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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 611



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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FRAUDULENT SCHEMES DURING THE REGISTRATION PHASE TO HAJJ OR ANNUAL ISLAMIC PILGRIMAGE, OTHER ANOMALOUS PRACTICES ON THE SELECTION AND ACCREDITATION OF TRAVEL AGENCIES THAT HANDLE THE TRAVEL TICKETING AND RESERVATIONS OF PILGRIMS, MISREPRESENTATION IN THE ACCOMODATION AND PROVISIONS IN MEDINA, MECCA AND MINA AND GRAVE ABUSE IN THE CONSTITUTION AND COMPOSITION OF THE SUPERVISORY GROUPS COMMITTED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS (NCMF) IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT REMEDIAL MEASURES THAT WILL PUT A QUIETUS TO THE ENDLESS MISERIES BEING EXPERIENCED BY MUSLIM FILIPINO PILGRIMS

WHEREAS, Hajj is an annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, where pilgrims perform acts of worship and renew their sense of purpose in the world;

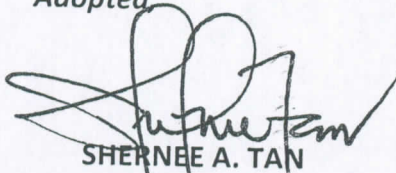
WHEREAS, as Hajj is a mandatory religious duty for Muslims that must be carried out at least once in their lifetime, the influx of millions of Filipino Muslims desiring to attend this annual religious obligation could hardly be controlled or chaotic if the government will not extend assistance by way of establishing a government agency tasked to administer all pertinent programs, projects and activities related thereto;


WHEREAS, the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) was created by virtue of Republic Act No. 9997 to perform powers and functions such as, among others, to "Administer all programs, projects and activities, formulate the necessary rules and regulations, and coordinate with pertinent offices to ensure the success of the annual Hajj (pilgrimage) to Mecca, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;" "Promote the development of a Hajj Assistance Fund that shall be created from contributions of Muslim Filipinos and other donors which shall be used to support the financial needs of deserving Muslim Filipinos intending to participate in the annual Hajj;" etc.

WHEREAS, the paramount objectives of the government to put to task the NCMF to administer all programs, projects and activities related to the annual Islamic Pilgrimage have been defeated by condemnable acts of the same agency by employing fraudulent schemes and other anomalous practices to the detriment of the Muslim Filipino pilgrims: *Now, therefore, be it*

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the fraudulent schemes during the registration phase to Hajj or annual Islamic Pilgrimage, other anomalous practices on the selection and accreditation of travel agencies that handle the travel ticketing and reservations of pilgrims, misrepresentation in the accommodation and provisions in Medina, Mecca and Mina and grave abuse in the constitution and composition of the supervisory groups committed by the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) in order to implement remedial measures that will put a quietus to the endless miseries being experienced by Muslim Filipino Pilgrims.

Adopted


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