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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED MASS MIGRATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHER COMPENSATION WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME

1 **WHEREAS**, globally, there is a growing recognition of the fundamental importance
2 of human capital as the primary force that drives national development. As such, investment
3 in education and information, necessary for its development, has become a condition for a
4 country to compete internationally.¹

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6 **WHEREAS**, the 2008 McKinsey & Company Education Report concluded, "the
7 quality of an educational system cannot exceed the quality of its teachers."

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9 **WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution provides: "The State shall assign the highest
10 budgetary priority to education and ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful
11 share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job
12 satisfaction and fulfillment."²

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14 **WHEREAS**, in 2017, the biggest portion of the national budget is allocated for
15 education with P543.2 billion (\$10.97 billion), a thirty percent (30%) increase from the
16 previous year's allocation.

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18 **WHEREAS**, in recognition of the fundamental role they play, and as a consequence
19 of the increased budgetary allocation in education, the State significantly increased the
20 salaries of public school teachers.

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22 **WHEREAS**, the competitive compensation offered by public schools not only
23 retained the best teachers but also attracted thousands of private school teachers to the
24 public school system.
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¹ "Education for All 2015 National Review Report: Philippines", Major Legal Framework for Inclusive Education. UNESCO Report.

² The 1987 Philippine Constitution. Article XIV. Section 5 (5).

1 **WHEREAS**, consequent to the mass migration of private school teachers to the public
2 school system, the quality of private education is projected to greatly suffer.

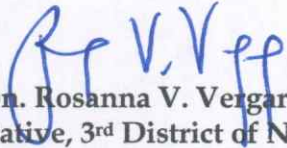
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4 **WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution further provides, "The State recognizes the
5 complementary role of public and private institutions in the educational system and shall
6 exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions."³

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8 **WHEREAS**, the education services provided by private schools aid the State in
9 providing education to its citizens and ease the burden of the State in building more
10 classrooms and in hiring more teachers in the public schools. Private school teachers
11 therefore perform public function. Hence, Congress should consider supporting our private
12 school teachers in the form of salary subsidies pursuant to the above-quoted provision
13 without violating the legal maxim "public money shall be used only for public purposes."⁴

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15 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the constitutional provision that "The State shall protect and
16 promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate
17 steps to make such education accessible to all,"⁵ this Representation respectfully proposes
18 that the possibility of State subsidy to augment the salaries of private school teachers who
19 are partners of the State in delivering quality education to the citizenry be considered and
20 studied.

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 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TO DIRECT THE PROPER HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED MASS MIGRATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOL
TEACHERS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHER COMPENSATION WITH
THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME.

Adopted.


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³ The 1987 Philippine Constitution. Article XIV, Sec. 4 (1).

⁴ Estrada, Joseph Noel M. (14 August 2017) Legal Challenges to Private Education in the Philippines. The Manila Times. <http://www.manilatimes.net/legal-challenges-private-education-philippines/342331/>

⁵ The 1987 Philippine Constitution. Article XIV, Section 1.