## Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Ouezon City, Metro Manila

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House Resolution No. 290



## Introduced by Representatives ERIC GO YAP

## RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT 11203, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE RICE TARIFFICATION LAW

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11203, otherwise known as "An Act Liberalizing the Importation, Exportation and Trading of Rice, Lifting for the Purpose the Quantitative Import Restriction on Rice, and for Other Purposes," was enacted in February 14, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 11203 was promulgated on March 5, 2019, enabling the full implementation of the law;

WHEREAS, the goal of RA 11203 is to put in place the safety nets for Filipino rice producers by imposing tariffs in lieu of quantitative restrictions on rice imports;

WHEREAS, the average farmgate prices of palay from January-June 2019 was P18.87 per kilo, down 7.4 % from P20.38 per kilo same period last year. In many parts of the country, local farmers indicate farmgate prices of their produce has reached to as low as P7 per kilo;

WHEREAS, several farmers' groups blamed the implementation of RA 11203 for the declining palay prices;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Philippines, urging the appropriate House Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of Republic Act 11203, otherwise known as the Rice Tariffication Law.

Approved,

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