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Quezon City

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

Introduced by **MAGSASAKA Party-List Representative ARGEL JOSEPH T. CABATBAT**

1 **RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE REVIEW AND AN**
2 **INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, BY THE APPROPRIATE**
3 **COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ON THE EFFECT OF**
4 **REPUBLIC ACT 11203, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE RICE TARIFFICATION**
5 **LAW ON RICE PRODUCERS, FARMERS AND OTHER FARMWORKERS IN THE**
6 **PHILIPPINES**

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10 **WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 7735, entitled, "*An Act Replacing the Quantitative*
11 *Import Restrictions on Rice with Tariffs and Creating the Rice Competitiveness*
12 *Enhancement Fund*," was introduced in the House of Representatives on May 21, 2018
13 by various authors;

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15 **WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 7735, with counterpart Senate Bill No. 1998, was
16 approved on third reading in the House of Representatives last August 14, 2018;

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18 **WHEREAS**, the President of the Republic of the Philippines signed into law,
19 Republic Act No. 11203, otherwise known as "*An Act Liberalizing the Importation,*
20 *Exportation and Trading of Rice, Lifting for the Purpose the Quantitative Import*
21 *Restriction on Rice, and for Other Purposes*," on February 14, 2019;

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23 **WHEREAS**, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11203
24 was promulgated on March 5, 2019, enabling the full implementation of the law;

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2 **WHEREAS**, the aim of R.A. 11203 is to reduce the price of rice for consumers,
3 making this staple food affordable for more Filipinos especially those on and below
4 the poverty line;

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6 **WHEREAS**, farmgate prices of fresh palay have dropped dramatically from
7 P17.00 in 2018 to P12.40 this year, and dry palay from P23.00 in 2018 to P16.40 this
8 year, a reduction of 37% and 29% in price, respectively;

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10 **WHEREAS**, national retail prices of well-milled rice only decreased from P44.12
11 in 2018 to 43.10 this year, and regular-milled rice from P40.37 in 2018 to P38.72 this
12 year, a reduction of only 2% and 4% respectively;

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14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**,
15 that the appropriate committee of the House of Representatives conducts a review
16 and investigation, in aid of legislation, of the implementation of R.A. 11203 and its
17 effects on our rice producers, farmers, and other farm workers.

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