Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 593



Introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF THE PHILIPPINE CLAIM ON SABAH

WHEREAS, the Philippine's claim on Sabah stemmed from the ownership of Sabah by the Sultanate of Sulu, with the Government of the Philippines as the successor State;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, on its decision dated July 16, 2011 has retained the Philippine Claim to Sabah and that it can be pursued in the future;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government, thru the Department of Foreign Affairs is steadfast on its stand that Sabah is part of the territory of the Republic of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Department of Foreign Affairs refuses to create a consular office in Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah, as it is against the Philippine Government's stand on the Sabah claim;

WHEREAS, for the welfare of Filipino Citizens residing in Sabah, it is the role of Congress to ensure that services will be available to them without prejudice on the territorial dispute with Malaysia;

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Philippines shall be updated on the status of the Philippine Claim on Sabah;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the appropriate the Department of Foreign Affairs to provide a briefing on the appropriate House Committee on the status of the Philippine Claim on Sabah.

Adopted,

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