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House Resolution No. 757

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A RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO FILL IN THE VACANCY FOR THE LONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CAUSED BY THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF REP. NESTOR B. FONGWAN SR. AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, on DECEMBER 18, 2019, the LONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE of BENGUET NESTOR B. FONGWAN SR. joined his creator.

WHEREAS, on the first day of Session on January 20, 2020, the HONORABLE SPEAKER ALAN PETER S. CAYETANO formally declared a vacancy in the LONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT of BENGUET.

WHEREAS, in the interregnum, HONORABLE SPEAKER ALAN PETER S. CAYETANO appointed Party List Congressman Eric Go Yap of ACT-CIS as caretaker for the LONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT of BENGUET.

WHEREAS, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6645, a law Enacted on December 28, 1987 prescribes the manner of filling a vacancy in Congress. In sum it states that where vacancy arises in the House of Representatives at least (1) year before the next regular election for Members of Congress, the Commission on Election, upon receipt of a resolution of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, certifying to the existence of such vacancy and calling for a special election, shall hold a special election to fill such vacancy.

If Congress is in recess, an official communication on the existence of the

vacancy and call for a special election by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, shall be sufficient for such purpose. The Members of the House of Representatives thus elected shall serve only for the unexpired term. The Comelec shall fix the date of the special election, which shall not be earlier than forty-five (45) days not later than ninety (90) days from the date of such resolution or communication, stating among other things the office or offices to be voted for.

WHEREAS, a vacancy has been declared by the Speaker of the House, February 2020 is not within the prohibited period set forth by law and Congress is not in recess, thus all the requirements in **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6645** are present. The time is now ripe for the conduct of a **Special Elections** in the **Province of Benguet**.

WHEREAS, while the people of the **Province of Benguet** appreciate the appointment of a care-taker Congressman to cater to their needs, there is no substitute of allowing the electorate to have their own Congressman with a clear mandate from its people.

WHEREAS, the sentiment for a Special election has been manifested by Resolutions of the Provincial Government of Benguet, the different Municipalities of the Province of Benguet including it's capital town La Trinidad, various non-government associations including the Federation of Parents Teachers Association of Mankayan, Benguet and others.

WHEREAS, the reasonableness of the request and call for a **Special Elections** is a valid exercise of people power which Congress by itself as democratic institution can affirmatively respond to.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CALL FOR AND DIRECT THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO FILL IN THE VACANCY FOR THE LONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CAUSED BY THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF REP. NESTOR B. FONGWAN SR. NOT LATER THAN THE THIRD MONDAY OF MAY, 2020. RESOLVED FURTHER THAT THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY MILLION (PHP 50.000.000.00) PESOS BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE SAVINGS OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTION FOR THE EXPENSES IN THE CONDUCT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET.**

Quezon City, Philippines, February 24, 2020.



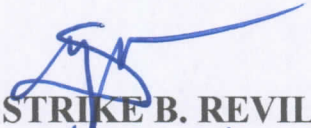
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