Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.



Introduced by Honorable Mark O. Go

JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO RELEASE THE SECOND TRANCHE OF INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY PENSION OF MEMBERS NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2020

WHEREAS, during the 17th Congress, the Senate and the House of Representatives approved Joint Resolution No. 10 increasing the monthly pension of the Social Security System pensioners under the Social Security Act of 1997;

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution 10 provides that the monthly pension of SSS members shall be increased by P2,000.00 and that the minimum monthly pension shall be P3,200.00 for members with at least 10 credited years of service and P4,400.00 for those with 20 credited years of service;

WHEREAS, the Joint Resolution also provides that the P2,000.00 shall be given in two (2) tranches, the first tranche in the amount of P1,000.00 shall be given starting January 2017 and the second tranche of the same amount shall be released to the pensioners in January 2019;

WHEREAS, in January 2017, through a Malacañang memorandum, President Rodrigo Duterte approved the across-the-board P1,000.00 increase in the monthly pension of some 2.2 million SSS retirees. The order authorizing its release was signed on February 22, 2017;

WHEREAS, former SSS Chairman Amado Valdez said that the initial P1,000-pension hike implemented in January 2017 will be followed by another P1,000-hike in 2022 or even earlier in compliance with the Congress Joint Resolution;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the second tranche of increase will alleviate the poor condition of our pensioners who are receiving meager monthly pension to support their health care requirements;

WHEREAS, to address the situation of our pensioners, the Social Security System should prioritize the release of the second tranche of increase which is supposedly due in January 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, to urge the Social Security System to release the second tranche of increase in the monthly pension of members not later than January 2020.

Adopted,