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Introduced by HON. ALETA C. SUAREZ

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO THE ORDER OF PRESIDENT DUTERTE
DIRECTING THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT
CONVICTED EX-MAYOR ANTONIO SANCHEZ BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MASS
RELEASE OF CONVICTS, PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 10592**

WHEREAS, on 25 January 1999, the First Division of the Supreme Court upheld the decision of Judge Harriet Demetriou finding then Mayor Antonio Sanchez of Calauan, Laguna guilty beyond reasonable doubt of having committed the crime of rape and homicide on seven counts, in the "Allan Gomez-Eileen Sarmienta rape-slay"¹;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court also affirmed the imposition of *reclusion perpetua*;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 10592, passed during the previous administration, amended certain provisions of the Revised Penal Code on good conduct of convicted prisoners and increased the time allowance, effectively reducing actual time to be served on their remaining sentence;

WHEREAS, RA 10592 was given retroactive application;

WHEREAS, it was reported that pursuant to RA 10592, 11,000 inmates were to be released, among them, then Mayor Sanchez;

WHEREAS, reports of Mayor Sanchez' conduct during incarceration included shabu and marijuana possession in 2006. In 2010, one kilo of shabu worth Php 1 million was discovered hidden in his cell. The Bureau of Corrections reported that Mayor Sanchez also tested positive for

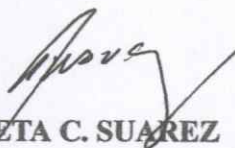
¹ People v. Mayor Antonio Sanchez et al. G.R. No. 121039-45, January 25, 1999.

shabu during a random drug test. In 2015, prison authorities seized an air conditioner, a flat screen tv, and a refrigerator from his cell;

WHEREAS, clearly, Mayor Sanchez, during his incarceration, cannot be considered a convict of good conduct for the aforementioned reasons;

THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved that the House of Representatives supports the order of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, directing the Bureau of Correction and the Department of Justice that former Calauan Mayor Antonio Sanchez be excluded from the mass release of convicts, pursuant to Republic Act 10592.

Adopted,



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