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INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE DAN S. FERNANDEZ

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND GOOD GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED FINDINGS BY THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME THAT THE PHILIPPINES HAS BECOME A HOTSPOT FOR FAKE MEDICINES

WHEREAS, IT WAS REPORTED BY THE United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime that the Philippines has the highest incidence of fake medicines in Southeast Asia;

WHEREAS, this report is alarming as the report depicted the country as a "hotspot for knockout drugs";

WHEREAS, the report further claims from 2014 to 2017, fake medicines mostly from Pakistan, India and China entered the Philippines on illicit trade network;

WHEREAS, it is further reported that market penetration of locally manufactured counterfeit over the counter-medicines;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the government to unmask which of these misbranded, spurious, fake and falsely-labeled drugs have entered the market and duped Filipinos;

WHEREAS, two years ago, the President has described the availability of counterfeited paracetamol brands in the country as a growing threat and ordered the arrest of their makers and sellers;

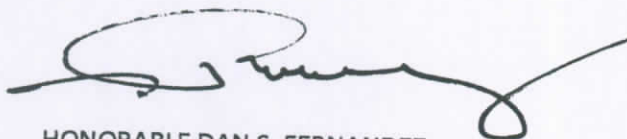
WHEREAS, if reports are true that these fake medicines are sold cheap in sari-sari stores, then they are victimizing the poor who often have to borrow money to buy medicines or cost-cut by buying doses lower than what the doctor has prescribed;

WHEREAS, trade in fake medicines was and is a large swindle of the harshest kind as the victims are of the hopes that they are taking genuine medicines that will cure them;

WHEREAS, the large amounts of money spent by Filipinos yearly for medicines and pharmaceutical preparations should encourage the government to protect their health, safety and above all, money;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, TO DIRECT THE COMMITTEE ON DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO ASCERTAIN THESE REPORTS AND INSTITUTE THE NEEDED POLICIES.

Approved

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HONORABLE DAN S. FERNANDEZ