





EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS First Regular Session 378 House Resolution No.

Introduced by Hon. FLORIDA "RIDA" P. ROBES

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE SUNFULL FOUNDATION IN ITS ADVOCACY TO PROMOTE POSITIVITY, RESPECT AND COMPASSION IN THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND FIGHT ALL FORMS OF CYBERBULLYING, ESPECIALLY OF, AND AMONG YOUNG CHILDREN

WHEREAS, an average person spends around 7 hours online through the use of any electronic device;

WHEREAS, DataReportal, a social media platform management application and social media marketing agency in its Digital Report 2019, disclosed that Filipinos are the world's heaviest internet users spending some ten (10) hours online every day in 2018, an increase from its previous record of nine (9) hours and 29 minutes in 2017;

WHEREAS, Stairway Foundation, Inc., a child-care nonprofit organization, reported that 80 percent of Filipino teenagers aged 13 to 16 years using social media had been cyberbullied through photo editing, humiliation, threats, exposure of secret conversations, and impersonation, among other things;

WHEREAS, the same organization reported that seventy percent (70%) of Filipino children aged 7 to 12 years were also bullied online;

WHEREAS, the same data were confirmed by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) when it disclosed that online violence, cyberbullying and digital harassment affect over seventy percent (70%) of young people globally;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is committed and is working hard to protect its citizens, especially the youth, against all forms of attacks online, particularly cyberbullying and digital harassment, having passed Republic Act No. 10175 or the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012 and Republic Act 10627, or the Anti-Bullying Act (the "Act"), among other laws;

WHEREAS, Sunfull Foundation is a non-governmental organization based in South Korea that started the Sunfull Internet Peace Movement (Sunfull Movement) to promote world peace by countering cyberbullying, hate speech and human rights violations on the internet:

WHEREAS, since 2007, Sunfull has been promoting anti-cyberbullying and anti-hate speech by promoting civility in cyberspace via postings of positive comments as a way to counterbalance negative comments and verbal abuse;

WHEREAS, the Ulsan Office of Education showed a marked decrease in verbal abuse among its students after the Sunfull program was introduced which clearly demonstrated the program's effectiveness;

WHEREAS, in Korea 297 of the 299 (99.3%) members of the National Assembly have signed to support Sunfull and a plaque with all the names is displayed at the National Assembly Building of Korea;

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Sunfull Foundation was granted special consultative status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC);

WHEREAS, Sunfull Foundation is working to expand its movement to other countries, including the Philippines, as it has already introduced its system to educators and students of the Philippine Christian University.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to commend and congratulate Sunfull Foundation in its advocacy to promote kindness and respect to and among young people in their use of the internet and prevent all forms of cyberbullying;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that this resolution be furnished to the officers and members of Sunfull Foundation and shall form part of the official records of the House of Representatives.

Adopted,

FLORIDA P. ROBES