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Introduced by Representative Rico B. Geron

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE PREPAREDNESS
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND ATTACHED
AGENCIES CONCERNED AGAINST AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF).**

WHEREAS, the African Swine Fever (ASF), a highly contagious, untreatable hemorrhagic viral disease affecting swine, and has spread to 18 countries including Belgium, China, Cambodia, North Korea, Vietnam and HongKong, among others, with 100% mortality rate.

WHEREAS, while the Philippines remains unaffected by ASF, the hog raisers have aired their grave concern that this virus could enter our country thus prompting the Department of Agriculture to issue successive Administrative Orders banning the importation of meat and meat products from ASF affected countries since August of 2018.

WHEREAS, border safeguards in our airports and seaports have been ordered to strengthen and to conduct a strict quarantine protocols and consequently, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued sometime in May, a Recall and Seizure Order on processed and canned meat imported from ASF affected countries.

WHEREAS, notwithstanding these precautions reports have been received that canned meat from China such as Ma-ling, among others, are still sold in the Philippine stores and supermarkets. Take the instance of canned goods confiscated by FDA in Zamboanga.

WHEREAS, to prevent the possible demise of the 200 billion swine industry in our country that would imperil the source of livelihood of millions of hog farmers and would derail our goal of food security, it is imperative for the concerned government agencies to act promptly by preventing the entry of such ASF products from affected countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the House of Representatives are hereby urged to direct the Committee on Agriculture and Food to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, in order to determine the preparedness of the government and attached agencies against African Swine Fever (ASF).

Approved,



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