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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by REP. JOSE CHRISTOPHER Y. BELMONTE

**A RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES TO  
INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE EXORBITANT FEES  
CHARGED FOR FUNERAL AND BURIAL SERVICES BY HIMLAYANG  
PILIPINO, INC. AND OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS IN METRO MANILA,  
AND TO REVIEW EXISTING LAWS PERTAINING TO SUCH**

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 9, Article II and Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987  
2 Constitution mandates the State to provide adequate social services for every  
3 Filipino at an affordable cost;

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5 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Articles 294, 305, and 306 of the Civil Code of the  
6 Philippines, the immediate family members shall have the duty and the right to  
7 make funerary arrangements of the deceased, where every funeral shall be in  
8 keeping with the social position of the deceased;

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10 **WHEREAS**, the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), reorganized  
11 as the Human Settlements Adjudication Commission (HSAC) under the  
12 Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), provides  
13 for Rules and Regulations for Memorial Parks, but such regulations, and other  
14 Philippine laws do not specify the ceiling price for the sale of burial plots, and is  
15 therefore merely under the discretion of the owners of memorial parks;

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17 **WHEREAS**, the United Nations Research Institute on Social Development or  
18 UNRISD provides that social services provisioning improves well-being,  
19 enhances productivity and earnings, and reduces inequalities across income,  
20 class, gender, ethnicity and location;

1 WHEREAS, several grievances have reached this Representation's Office  
2 pertaining to the exorbitant fees charged by Himlayang Pilipino, Inc., located at  
3 Himlayan Road, Barangay Pasong Tamo, Quezon City, for burial plots, interment  
4 services and other fees;

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6 WHEREAS, these exorbitant fees in Himlayang Pilipino, Inc. pertain to interment  
7 costs amounting to almost PhP100,000 and burial plot costs amounting to about  
8 PhP100,000 to PhP300,000, and not only does this render these social services  
9 unaffordable to many, but this may also be subject to arbitrary increase in the  
10 future;

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12 WHEREAS, according to Citi Philippines, grieving families or guardians  
13 shoulder several tremendous costs for the rites for the deceased, including, but  
14 are not limited to funeral services amounting to around PhP15,000 for simple set-  
15 ups, burial services amounting to around PhP5,000 to PhP20,000 or more,  
16 cremation services amounting to around PhP10,000 to PhP20,000, caskets  
17 amounting to around PhP8,000 from small funeral parlors, urns ranging from  
18 PhP2,500 to PhP50,000, memorial lots amounting to around PhP65,000 to about  
19 hundreds of thousands, crypts amounting to around PhP25,000, and other costs  
20 for the death certificate, flowers, and food;

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22 WHEREAS, according to the 2015 Family Income and Expenditure Survey, the  
23 bottom 30% income group spend a majority of their income for food and other  
24 basic needs, thereby leaving families little to no opportunity to set aside funds for  
25 the costs of the rites for the deceased;

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27 WHEREAS, honoring the dead with the appropriate funeral and burial rites is  
28 culturally embedded in Filipino values and traditions, and should be treated with  
29 utmost reverence by all civil and juridical persons;

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31 WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that burial and interment services are  
32 within reasonable prices at all times in order to ease the burden of the cost of  
33 sacred tradition of honoring the dead.

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35 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of  
36 Representatives, to direct the Committee on Social Services to conduct an inquiry,  
37 in aid of legislation, to investigate the exorbitant fees charged for funeral and  
38 burial services by Himlayang Pilipino, Inc. and other service providers in Metro  
39 Manila, and to review existing laws pertaining to such.

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41 *Adopted,*

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