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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE SARAH JANE I. ELAGO

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION URGING HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT CLIMATE ADVOCATES' KEY POINTS IN THE STRUGGLE TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT. (1) CLIMATE JUSTICE, (2) URGENCY OF CLIMATE ACTION, (3) SYSTEM CHANGE, (4) DEFEND ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS, AND (5) YOUTH-LED COLLECTIVE ACTION

WHEREAS. The youth being the inheritors of the Earth will be the ones to inherit its destruction, calamities, and the burden to save it. We have a deadline of ten years to cut the global carbon emissions in half according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in order to slow down global temperature increase and mitigate the effects of the climate crisis. With the short time we have, it is on us to clamor for climate justice in order to address the climate crisis;

WHEREAS, Therefore, we - the undersigned councils, organizations, and students - pledge to be at the forefront of the action to address the climate crisis. We are forwarding 5 key-points in our fight to save the environment: Climate Justice, Urgency of Climate Action, System Change, Defend Environmental Defenders, and Youth-led collective action;

WHEREAS, the call to demand Climate Justice from corporations and governments of major economies whose accountability stems from being the major contributors to environmental degradation and from their willful ignorance of the climate crisis seen through their continued use of environment-damaging chemicals and excessive carbon emissions;

WHEREAS, the Urgency of Climate Action means we need to act now. With the 10 year deadline, we recognize that there should be an immediate and lasting action by our collective efforts. This ticking time bomb that is the climate crisis needs to be defused as early as possible for the damage, if we do not act, will lead to irreversible, massive destruction of the planet;

WHEREAS, the call for System Change recognizes the wasteful profit-oriented global system as the main factor of the ongoing climate crisis. In order to maximize profits, governments and corporations have neglected the impacts of their actions and further plunder the environment and generate massive amounts of wastes. To prevent global degradation, a system-wide change and action needs to take place;

WHEREAS, the call to Defend Environmental Defenders stems from the thousands of human rights violations happening all around the globe. This year, the Philippines is number one globally in terms of slain environmental advocates. Together with our call for climate justice, we also call for the justice for our environmental defenders and to stop the further persecution of the people in the front lines of environmental defense;

WHEREAS, the call for a Youth-led Collective Action aims to create an alliance to unite the broadest sector of the youth. We will not inherit a dead planet. We will mobilize to sound the alarm and demand justice for our planet. We recognize the historical victories of collective action and through the alliance, the Filipino Youth stand united with the multi-sectoral struggle for the survival of our species. With these five calls, we will stand firm to save our dying planet; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives congratulates the youth who led and participated in the global climate strike that occurred last September 20, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that we urge the House of Representatives to support climate advocates' key points in the struggle to save the environment, (1) climate justice, (2) urgency of climate action, (3) system change, (4) defend environmental defenders, and (5) youth-led collective action.

Adopted.

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