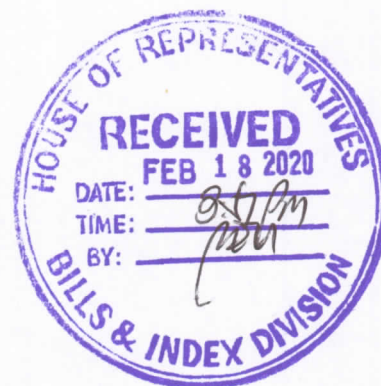


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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. **725**



Introduced by Representative JAKE VINCENT S. VILLA

RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, REGARDING THE DECLINE OF THE LEVEL OF LITERACY IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, ARTICLE XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, news reports have indicated that per the Department of Education ("DepEd") more than 70,000 elementary students in a province cannot read in both English and Filipino¹;

WHEREAS, it bears emphasis that among the said 70,000 students 18,143 of which are pupils in Grades 3 to 6 and the rest, referred to as "nonreaders" by the DepEd, are in Grades 1 to 2²;

WHEREAS, several consultations and informal reports involving public schools likewise indicate that the literacy level of the students are declining. The reports include that the teachers are forced to pass students just because it will badly reflect on them should the student fail their subjects;

WHEREAS, it is sad to note that there are existing gaps in the laws governing the basic education sector that negatively affect the level of literacy of the students. The above report involving the decline in literacy only refers to a single province. What more about the unreported decline in literacy levels of other provinces especially in the Visayas and Mindanao regions;

WHEREAS, there is a need to immediately address the alarming situation of literacy in the country as the young students will become leaders in the future.

¹ https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1229537/70000-bicol-pupils-cant-read-deped?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook#Echobox=1581892352.

² Ibid.

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, urging the Committee on Basic Education and Culture of the House of Representatives, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, regarding the decline of the level of literacy in the country.

Adopted,



JAKE VINCENT S. VILLA