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Introduced by Representative Rico B. Geron

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF
PROLIFERATION OF IMPORTED CANNED PORK MEATS AND PROCESSED PORK PRODUCTS
IN THE PHILIPPINES FROM THE COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY AFRICAN SWINE FEVER**

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

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. Border safeguards in our airports and seaports have been ordered strengthened and strict quarantine protocols have been imposed. For its part the Food and Drug Administration issued a Recall and Seizure Order in May this year for processed and canned meat imported from ASF affected countries that continue to be traded in our local markets.

WHEREAS, notwithstanding these precautions reports have been received that canned meat from China such as Ma ling among others are still sold in our stores and supermarkets, proof of which are the canned goods confiscated by FDA in Zamboanga and those bought by concerned industry stakeholders and submitted to DA for testing.

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.

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 investigation, in aid of legislation, on the status of proliferation of imported pork meats and processed pork products in the Philippines from the countries affected by African Swine Fever (ASF).

Approved,


RICO B. GERON