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Introduced by Sen. Ramon B. Magsaysay, Jr.

RESOLUTION
URGING THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S OF THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LOW-COST HOUSING, BLISS AND OTHER SIMILAR PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall, by law, and for common good, undertake, in cooperation with the private sector, a continuing program for urban land reform and housing which will make available at affordable costs decent housing and basic services to underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban centers and resettlement areas;

WHEREAS, accordingly, there is an estimated 700,000 homeless families in the National Capital Region alone living in esteros, railroad tracks, under the bridges and squatted public and private lots;

WHEREAS, out of the millions of housing units needed, there are only about 57,000 unoccupied housing units owned by the National Housing Authority nationwide which have remained idle for the last couple of years;

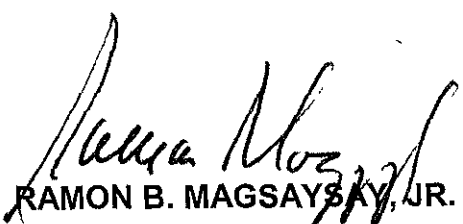
WHEREAS, there is an extensive number of homeless families vis-à-vis the available housing units, occupancy of which would at least help ease the affliction of the country's problem on poverty;

WHEREAS, instead of allowing homeless citizens to loiter and build shanties along major streets, roads, bridges, railroad tracks and squat on vacant lots, thus, depreciating the goal of the government to embellish the country, the government should allow these citizens to utilize the idle housing units at affordable costs, solutions and measures adopted and enforced do not add to the dissatisfaction of the people in terms of basic services delivered to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, directing the appropriate senate committee/s to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on urban planning, housing and resettlement and other appropriate committee/s of the senate to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the status of the implementation of the government's low-cost housing, bliss and other similar projects

ADOPTED,


RAMON B. MAGSAYSAY, JR.