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***Introduced by Senator Magsaysay, Jr.***

**A RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE COMMITTEES ON TRADE AND COMMERCE; ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CURRENT STATE OF THE PHILIPPINE INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING THEIR E-COMMERCE CAPABILITIES, AND THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE PHILIPPINES' OPERATING CONDITIONS VIS-À-VIS OTHER COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO TO MAKE IT A PREFERRED SITE FOR SHARED/BACKROOM INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES (ICT) SERVICES IN THE GLOBAL REVOLUTION TOWARDS A KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMY.**

**WHEREAS, there is an Information revolution sweeping the world estimated to exceed US\$180 billion revenue annually for e-commerce alone within the next 10 years;**

**WHEREAS, India, China, Singapore, Australia, and other countries are rushing necessary investment changes on policies and other matters affecting their business environments to attract investors on ICT services;**

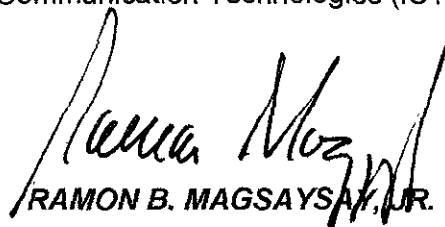
**WHEREAS, the Philippines with its abundant, skilled, trainable, English-speaking workforce can be at the forefront of this revolution towards a knowledge-based economy;**

**WHEREAS, the Philippines has been identified as one of the five (5) most preferred sites for shared and backroom services with some 20 companies already successfully conducting these services in the country;**

**WHEREAS, the success of conducting shared/backroom services depends on providing a sufficient pool of talented people, low cost operating environment, broadband, convergent telecommunications systems, and adequately associate infrastructure;**

**WHEREAS, there is a need to determine the incentives and requisite operating environment to make the Philippines as the ultimate and preferred choice for investment in shared/backroom services;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate, to urge the Committees on Trade and Commerce, Science and Technology and other appropriate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the current state of Philippine Industries including their e-commerce capabilities and the competitiveness of the Philippines' operating conditions vis-à-vis other countries in Asia and the Pacific with end in view of introducing amendments to existing laws, rules and regulations whenever appropriate in order to make the Philippines a preferred site for shared/backroom Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) services.**

  
**RAMON B. MAGSAYSAY, JR.**