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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ABOLISH THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2014

WHEREAS, issues have recently surfaced regarding the alleged impropriety and abuses in the allocation and utilization of the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF), an appropriation in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) used to fund priority development programs and projects identified by the members of the Senate of the Philippines and the House of Representatives, and have lamentably eroded public confidence in the current administration;

WHEREAS, to assure the public of the government's serious commitment and sincere efforts to institute reforms that would establish a tradition of fiscal transparency and accountability, there is a pressing and unmistakable need to abolish the PDAF;

WHEREAS, with the vision to transform the government to one that upholds the highest standards of integrity, to enact a national budget that fosters public spending that leads to direct, immediate and substantial benefits for the people, and to restore the people's trust and confidence in the Senate, the members of the Senate deem it prudent to abolish PDAF in the national budget for 2014; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines express its sense to totally abolish the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) and accordingly reduce the national budget in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2014.

Adopted,

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