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Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, REGARDING THE INCREASE
IN SECURITY AND HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY
SYSTEM (SSS) AND PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION
(PHILHEALTH), RESPECTIVELY**

WHEREAS, it is policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all;¹

WHEREAS, the Social Security System (SSS) was created to establish, develop, promote and perfect a sound and viable tax-exempt social security service suitable to the needs of the people throughout the Philippines which shall promote social justice and provide meaningful protection to members and their beneficiaries against the hazards of disability, sickness, maternity, old age, death, and other contingencies resulting in loss of income or financial burden;²

¹ Sec. 9, Art. II, 1987 Constitution.

² Sec. 2, Republic Act No. 8282.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) is mandated to administer the country's National Health Insurance Program, which was primarily established to provide health insurance coverage and ensure affordable, acceptable, available and accessible health care services for all citizens of the Philippines;³

WHEREAS, effective January 2014, SSS will implement a 0.6 percentage point increase, or an equivalent of P285 for an employee whose monthly compensation ranges from P2,250 to P2,749;⁴

WHEREAS, PhilHealth premium contributions have been doubled to P200 monthly or P2,400 a year starting this month;⁵

WHEREAS, in the interest of public welfare and transparency, proper study and public information must have been conducted first to ensure that increase in contributions equate to salaries and wages of the labor force;

WHEREAS, the Filipino people are still recovering from a number of calamities and natural disasters, and are currently suffering from increase in prices of public utilities and essential commodities;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid increase in insurance and health contributions will have substantial effect on the monthly income of every Filipino worker;

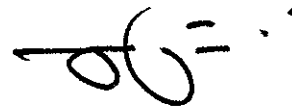
³ http://www.philhealth.gov.ph/about_us/mandate.html.

⁴ <http://www.rappler.com/business/economy-watch/47257-palace-defends-sss-philhealth-contributions-hike-again>.

⁵ Id@4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines to direct the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation regarding the increase in security and health contributions of the Social Security System (SSS) and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), respectively.

ADOPTED,



JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO