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Introduced by Senator TEOFISTO "TG" GUINGONA III

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE, UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON THE BANGSAMORO AND THE ANNEXES THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION FRONT, WITH THE END OF VIEW OF GAINING A FIRMER GRASP OF THE ISSUES AND CHALLENGES THAT WILL BE FACED BY THE NATION WITH THE IMPENDING PASSAGE OF THE BANGSAMORO BASIC LAW

WHEREAS, on October 2012 following a series of discussions and negotiations in pursuit of genuine autonomy, lasting peace and development in Muslim Mindanao, the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) signed a Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro (FAB).

WHEREAS, The Framework Agreement outlines the general features of the political settlement between the GPH and the MILF. It defines the structure and powers of the Bangsamoro entity that will replace the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). It also sets the principles, processes and mechanisms for the transition until the regular election in 2016 for the new Bangsamoro autonomous political entity. The Agreement paves the way forward to the just resolution of the historical divide between the Government and the Bangsamoro.

WHEREAS, after the signing of the Agreement, the peace panels of GPH and MILF continued with the exploratory talks that resulted in the signing of four annexes on 1) Transitional Arrangements and Modalities, 2) Revenue Generation and Wealth Sharing, 3) Power Sharing and 4) Normalization as well as an Addendum on Bangsamoro Waters.

WHEREAS, The Framework and Annexes will constitute the Comprehensive Peace Agreement which will be the basis of the Bangsamoro Basic Law which have to be deliberated and passed by Congress.

WHEREAS, considering the importance of the peace process and impact of the passage of the Bangsamoro Basic Law, adeeper understanding is imperative for Congress as well as for the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to direct the Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro and on the Annexes that have been signed and passed by the Government of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, with the end in view of gaining a firmer grasp of the issues and challenges that will be faced by the nation with the impending passage of the Bangsamoro Basic Law.

Adopted,

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