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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON YOUTH, LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQURY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MASSIVE YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INSTITUTING POLICIES AND PUTTING IN PLACE MECHANISMS THAT WILL CRAFT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE UNEMPLOYED YOUTH

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 13 of the Constitution "recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.";

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 18 of the Constitution states that "The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare.";

WHEREAS, Article 3, Section 13 of the Constitution provides further that "The State shall afford full protection to labor, local and overseas, organized and unorganized, and promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all,";

WHEREAS, according to the January 2015 Labor Force Survey of the Philippine Statistical Authority (PSA), around 41 million Filipinos are unemployed;

WHEREAS, of the total unemployment figure, 47.3 percent or around 2 million jobless individuals belong to the 15 to 24 years age bracket, while 31.6 percent or 1.3 million are aged 25 to 34;

WHEREAS, altogether, about 3.3 million Filipino youths aged 15-34 are unemployed as of January 2015;

WHEREAS, there is a need to look into this matter and address this alarming issue by designing programs that will generate jobs to cater to the Filipino youth;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Philippine Senate directs the Senate Committees on Youth, Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development, and other appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inqury, in aid of legislation, on the massive youth unemployment with the end in view of instituting policies and putting in place mechanisms that will craft opportunities for the unemployed youth.

Adopted,

MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID