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Introduced by SEN. JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY TO AWARD THE UNOCCUPIED AND UNAWARDED AFP/PNP/BFP/BJMP/BUCOR HOUSING UNITS TO OTHER QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 9, s. 2011 directed the National Housing Authority to implement the "AFP/PNP Housing Project" which will provide permanent housing sites for qualified low-salaried members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP);

WHEREAS, Republic Act 10352 and Republic Act 10633 or the 2013 and 2014 General Appropriations Act (GAA) appropriated P5.6 Billion and P5.458 Billion respectively for the AFP/PNP/BFP/BJMP/BuCor Housing Program;

WHEREAS, years after the implementation, several housing units constructed under the AFP/PNP Housing Project are still unoccupied as verified by the 2015 Commission on Audit Report, which reported that the occupancy rate of the completed housing units for the said program is at a mere 8.09%;

WHEREAS, the same COA report also stated that the non-use by the intended beneficiaries of the housing units under the AFP/PNP Housing Project resulted to loss of revenues on the part of the government, unnecessary exposure of the units to unfavorable weather condition and non-attainment of the objectives of the program;

WHEREAS, the NHA may instead identify alternative beneficiaries and beneficiary-specific sites such as in the case of public school teachers living within the area, employees in the local government concerned where the

housing units are constructed, Barangay employees and functionaries and informal settlers who could all benefit from the unoccupied housing units;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, to authorize the National Housing Authority to award the unoccupied, unawarded and vacated AFP/PNP/BFP/BJMP/BuCor housing units to other beneficiaries such as public school teachers, employees in the local government unit of public housing sites, Barangay employees and functionaries and other informal settlers, subject to the existing guidelines and criteria set by NHA.

Adopted.

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