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Introduced by Senator JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA

RESOLUTION
STRONGLY URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONSIDER
THE POSSIBILITY OF REALIGNING THE BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION FOR 2005 WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INCREASING THE
SALARIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS NATIONWIDE

WHEREAS, Section 5.5, Article XIV of the Philippine Constitution provides that the "State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education and ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment."

WHEREAS, the Department of Education continues to receive the highest appropriation in the national budget in nominal terms is not an indication that the government has given priority to education.

WHEREAS, it was reported that education spending as percentages of GDP and the total national budget has steadily declined over the last two years (2002-2003). The growth in the allocation of the total DepEd budget on a per capita basis has worsened in recent years. Compared to 1999, education spending in 2004 per enrollee will have declined by 31%. (CPBO, *An Analysis of the President's Budget, 2004*)

WHEREAS, available research show that teachers are the most important determinant of student achievement and a vital element in the delivery of an effective teaching-learning process as a requisite to upgrade the quality of education in the country;

WHEREAS, the quality of education in the country has continued to deteriorate compared to other Asian countries, partly due to the low regard of the present administration to education;

WHEREAS, in order for the country to harness and motivate the more than 600,000 teaching and non-teaching personnel nationwide, there is a need to grant a salary increase considering that the present administration has not allocated any adjustments on their take-home pay since 2001;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Committee on Finance to realign the budget of the Department of Education with the end in view to cover the salary increase of teaching and non-teaching personnel nationwide.

Adopted,


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator 