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Introduced by **SENATOR VICENTE C. SOTTO III**

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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT TO THE EFFORTS OF THE MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY, THROUGH ITS DZRH RADIO STATION, TO HELP FIGHT THE PROLIFERATION OF FAKE NEWS THROUGH ITS “#ACCOUNTKOTO” CAMPAIGN**

**WHEREAS**, the issue of fake news and the use of fake identities have become very prominent in recent months; and the power to mislead and misinform have been made evident especially during this time of pandemic, which could worsen in the coming of the election season;

**WHEREAS**, surveys made by Social Weather Stations, We Are Social, and Hootsuite disclosed that 1 in 4 people, or 15.7 million Filipinos, get their daily news from Facebook, while others, from Twitter, and Instagram, which are all fertile ground for the spread of fake news;

**WHEREAS**, the Manila Broadcasting Company, owner and operator of DZRH, the oldest radio station in the country, and the biggest radio network in Asia has recently launched a campaign called #ACCOUNTKOTO encouraging users of social media platforms to be responsible in posting and/or sharing posts, and to use their real identity in their accounts to promote responsibility and accountability;

**WHEREAS**, the Senate lauds and fully supports this initiative of the Manila Broadcasting Company – DZRH, and calls on the

Department of Information and Communications Technology under its mandate, to formulate policies, prescribe rules and recommendations to require social media/networking sites to ensure that users of the accounts are properly identified without violating the constitutionally-guaranteed right to privacy and the freedom of expression;

**WHEREAS**, initiatives like this should be emulated by broadcast media and other similar organizations; and that relevant government agencies should not only formulate policies in support of this kind of project but also to advance this advocacy in order to protect themselves and the public from the undesirable effects of false and deceiving information online: Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines expresses its appreciation and support to the efforts of the Manila Broadcasting Company, through its DZRH radio station, to help fight the proliferation of fake news through its #ACCOUNTKOTO Campaign.

*Adopted,*

  
VICENTE C. SOTTO III