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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILLENNEUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

WHEREAS, the Philippines is one of the signatories to the United Nations (UN) Millennium Declaration which was signed and ratified by member nations in September 2000;

WHEREAS, the Millennium Declaration has been translated into the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), a global commitment in achieving specific targets and milestones in eliminating extreme poverty, improving health, promoting peace, human rights, and environmental sustainability;

WHEREAS, along with the other countries, the Philippines is committed to pursue efforts to attain standards in improving human lives by aligning its medium-term development plan pursuant to the above-stated key goals;

WHEREAS, meeting this target entails collective involvement by both national and local government, in coordination with the private sector;

WHEREAS, the Congress can play a major role in bringing about the attainment of set targets through passage of laws aimed at achieving the MDGs;

WHEREAS, there is a need to form a special committee which will specialize in and prioritize measures aimed at achieving the MDGs by 2015, as well as liaise with concerned government and non-government agencies for the attainment of the same;

WHEREAS, Rule X, Section 14 of the Rules of the Senate provides that "Whenever necessary, special committees shall be organized, the membership and jurisdiction of which shall be determined by the Senate President;"

WHEREAS, the Lower House created a Special Committee on Millennium Development Goals on February 14, 2005;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate create a special committee which shall have jurisdiction over all matters directly related to the country's commitment to the MDGs by 2015, including eradicating extreme poverty and hunger; achieving universal primary education; promoting gender equality and empower women; reducing child mortality; Improving maternal health; combating HIVs/AIDs, malaria and other infectious diseases; ensuring environmental sustainability; and developing a global partnership for development.

Adopted,

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