



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. Ct. Res. No. 10

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING AN INTEGRATED AND SECURE DIGITAL LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO BE KNOWN AS THE eCONGRESS

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution provides that the legislative power shall be vested in the Congress of the Philippines, which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, a bicameral Congress requires and necessitates close and constant collaboration, coordination, communication, and sharing of knowledge resources and information by and between both Houses of Congress;

WHEREAS, the Senate and the House of Representatives are cognizant of the need to continuously improve, strengthen, and streamline communications between Houses to enable them, singly and jointly, to efficiently and effectively perform Congress' essential functions of representation, legislation, and oversight;

WHEREAS, advances in technology and greater interconnectivity present opportunities for both the Senate and the House of Representatives to update their intra- and inter-chamber processes by adopting and utilizing secure digital systems and infrastructure and online platforms in order to further strengthen coordination between them and facilitate citizen engagement in the legislative process;

WHEREAS, in order to enhance digital collaboration, communication, and connectivity between both Houses, and in order to improve their services to the people, the Senate and the House of Representatives agree and commit to undertake concerted efforts in the development of an updated, digital, integrated, and secure legislative management system, in combination with information technology processes, that can provide timely, more effective, and responsive ways of managing, monitoring, and reporting the legislative performance of the Congress of the Philippines to the people: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate*
2 *concurring*, That the Senate and the House of Representatives jointly
3 establish and maintain an integrated and secure digital legislative management
4 system for the Congress of the Philippines to be known as the eCongress.

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6 *Resolved, further*, That the amount needed for the initial
7 implementation of the eCongress shall be sourced from the current year's
8 appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives. Thereafter,
9 such sums as may be necessary for the continued development and
10 maintenance of the cCongress shall be included in the annual General
11 Appropriations Act.

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13 *Resolved, finally*, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Secretary
14 General of the House of Representatives be authorized to jointly oversee and
15 administer the eCongress and to organize a Joint Technical Working Group to
16 be composed of the members of the Secretariat from both Houses.

Adopted,