RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES NO. 6

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RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF, THE 1987 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, among the three modes of amending the Constitution, the calling for a Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution, to be composed of appointed and elected delegates from all legislative districts of the country, would be the most transparent, exhaustive, democratic and least divisive means of implementing constitutional reforms;

WHEREAS, the Constitution is the fundamental law of the land which establishes, defines and governs a nation and the foundation upon which the people's dreams and aspirations are anchored;

WHEREAS, extensive studies show that particular economic provisions of the 1987 Constitution need to be revisited and recrafted so that the Philippines may become globally competitive and attuned with the changing times;

WHEREAS, such constitutional reform has been identified by reputable business and economic groups as one of the key policy instruments that needs to be implemented, and is now long overdue;

WHEREAS, a Petition for Indirect Initiative under Republic Act No. 6735, otherwise known as the Initiative and Referendum Act, was referred to the Committee on 21 November 2022 seeking, among others, for the House of Representatives to enact a law calling for a constitutional convention which provides for the election of its delegates and the corresponding appropriation therefor. It was proposed by the Kapatiran Party represented by Edilberto Cuenca and Norman Cabrera;

WHEREAS, said petition was given due course during the second regular meeting of the Committee on 26 January 2023 pursuant to Section 11 of Republic Act No. 6735 which provides that said initiative bill "shall take precedence over the pending legislative measures on the committee": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives, with a vote of two-thirds of all its Members, voting separately, to call a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the economic provisions, or revision of, the 1987 Constitution, with the election and appointment of delegates to be held on October 30, 2023, simultaneous with the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections.

Resolved, further, That any other details relating to the specific apportionment, election and appointment of delegates, and the holding of the Constitutional Convention, shall be embodied in an implementing legislation to be enacted by Congress.

Adopted,