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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION  
 DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH)  
 AND THE ROAD USERS' TAX BOARD TO ACCOUNT FOR THE PROCEEDS OF  
 THE ROAD USERS' TAX

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8794, Section 2 also known as the Road Users' Tax provides that, "There is hereby imposed on every motor vehicle, whether for hire or for private use, including government motor vehicles, a Motor Vehicle User's Charge (MVUC) which shall be collected from and paid by the owner of the motor vehicle";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8794, Section 7 further provides that, "All monies collected under this Act shall be earmarked solely and used exclusively (1) for road maintenance and the improved of the road drainage, (2) for the installation of adequate and efficient traffic lights and road safety devices, and (3) for the air pollution control. All such monies collected shall be deposited in four (4) special trust accounts in the National Treasury, namely: (1) Special Road Support Fund; (2) Special Local Road Fund; (3) Special Road Safety Fund (SRSF); and (4) Special Vehicle Pollution Control Fund";

WHEREAS, according to the said Act, seventy percent (70%) of the Special Road Support Fund shall be used for the maintenance of, and the improvement of drainage of national primary roads; the remaining thirty- percent (30%) thereof shall be allocated and used for the maintenance and improvement of drainage of national secondary roads throughout the country;

WHEREAS, a Road Users Tax Board, composed of the secretaries of Public Works and Highways, Finance, Budget and Management and Transportation and Communications, has been mandated to prudently and efficiently manage the special road funds;

WHEREAS, the said Board has about P8 billion in road users tax collection at its complete command;

WHEREAS, there have been several allegations that there is widespread misallocation of the road users tax funds;

WHEREAS, since its implementation in 2001, this fund has degenerated into a pork-barrel item, far from its original intention, which is for the maintenance of national and provincial roads and fund programs to minimize air pollution in the country;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the DPWH and the Road Users Tax Board to ensure that the road users' tax funds are efficiently utilized for its mandated purpose;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Department of Public Works and Highways and the Road Users' Tax Board to account for the proceeds of the road users' tax.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
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