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Introduced by **SENATOR GREGORIO B. HONASAN II**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GSIS INSURANCE COVERAGE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AS PROVIDED UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6942

WHEREAS, the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and uplift the life status, promote the efficiency and general welfare of its *citizenry*;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code recognizes the important role of our barangay officials in local governance, specifically in the maintenance of public order, protection and security of life and property and delivery of basic services to the people;

WHEREAS, the Code provides that the barangay officials shall be entitled to insurance coverage which shall include but not limited to temporary and permanent disability, double indemnity, accident insurance, death and burial benefits in accordance with R.A. No. 6942;

WHEREAS, it has been identified in different fora and dialogues with barangay officials nationwide that only a small percentage of barangay officials is covered by GSIS insurance benefits, which is contrary to the intent of these laws;

WHEREAS, this urgent concern has also been raised and confirmed during series of public hearing on the benefits of barangay officials conducted by the Senate Committee on Local Government in the 13th Congress;

WHEREAS, the barangay officials nationwide are continuously clamoring for their full coverage and availment of insurance benefits especially the retirement benefits;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9401, the 2007 GAA indicates that there have been great deficiencies in government contribution due to GSIS amounting to P111,700,028, representing deficiency from 1996 to 1999 for the Barangay Insurance Premiums;

WHEREAS, recognizing its adverse effects on the efficiency and general welfare of the barangay officials, it is an opportune time to undertake a serious review of these laws and to call upon the government to immediately address and take the necessary remedy on this urgent concern;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Committees on Local Government, Government Corporations and Public Enterprises and Finance to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the status of the implementation of GSIS insurance coverage of barangay officials as provided under the Local Government Code of 1991 in accordance with Republic Act No. 6942.

Adopted,

GREGÓRIO B. HONASAN II Senator