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Introduced by **Senator Biazon**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RELOCATION OF FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE NORTHRAIL-SOUTHRAIL LINKAGE PROJECT.

Whereas, representatives of about 4,000 families living along the railroad tracks from Sta. Mesa to Sampaloc, Manila that are affected by the Northrail-Southern Linkage Project, came to this representation's office and submitted a letter detailing their present predicament in their area;

Whereas, Per information given to this office, these families who claim to have been long-time residents in the area, have been receiving information that demolition of their homes are going to resume this coming 14 May 2008;

Whereas, Article XIII, Section 10 of the 1987 Constitution provides: "*Urban or rural poor dwellers shall not be evicted nor their dwellings demolished except in accordance with law and in a just and humane manner;*"

Whereas, Section 28 of the Urban Development and Housing Act (UDHA) of 1992 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations spell out this constitutional provision on the just and humane eviction and demolition of urban and rural poor dwellers;


Whereas, There is a need to clarify certain issues in light of the impending resumption of demolition activities in the Sta. Mesa to España segment of the railroad tracks to wit:

1. Was there a change in the plan of the Philippine National Railways on the minimum area on both sides of the track that needed to be cleared of informal settlers?
2. Were the families that are going to be affected informed of such changes?
3. With the change of area that needed to be cleared, how many more families were added to those that need to be relocated?
4. Where are the additional families going to be relocated?
5. Are there enough funds for the relocation of these additional families?
6. Are the relocation sites ready as provided for under the UDHA for the transfer of the affected families?

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, As It Is Hereby Resolved,

*By The Senate, To Direct The Senate Committee On Urban Planning, Housing
And Resettlement To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, On The Relocation Of
Families Affected By The Northrail-Southern Linkage Project.*

Adopted,


RODOLFO G. BIAZON
Senator