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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) TO INQUIRE AND INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RECENT REPORTS OF ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS OSCAR V. CRUZ ALLEGING THAT HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE AQUINO ADMINISTRATION ARE RECEIVING PAYOFFS FROM JUETENG

WHEREAS, newspapers and other media have recently reported Archbishop Oscar V. Cruz's allegation that "jueteng" still continue to proliferate in the country despite the change in administration;

WHEREAS, Archbishop Cruz has revealed a shocking and disturbing fact in that supposed trusted aides of President Benigno Aquino are allegedly receiving a minimum of #2Million in monthly "jueteng" payola payoffs;

WHEREAS, additional allegations have been made that five (5) more Aquino execs have been identified and linked to *"jueteng"* payola payoffs;

WHEREAS, these bribery allegations and coddling of gambling lords not only undermine the President's promised *"tuwid na daan"* or good government, but also destroys very moral fabric of Philippine society;

WHEREAS, there is the urgent need to review laws relating to illegal gambling and determine whether or not they are sufficient to stop the proliferation of illegal gambling, particularly "jueteng";

WHEREAS, these allegation of payola / bribery on the officials and members of the Aquino administration is a clear indication of malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance and a violation of their sworn duty to uphold the laws of the Republic;

WHEREAS, this blatant and continuous proliferation of the illegal numbers game called "jueteng" is also clear indication of malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance of certain members of our Philippine National Police and the Department of Interior and Local Government;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved to direct the Senate Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon) to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation into the recent reports of Archbishop Emeritus Oscar V. Cruz alleging that high government officials in the Aquino administration are receiving payoffs from "jueteng".

Sen. Teofisto "T.G." Guingona III Senator