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Introduced by Sen. Ralph G. Recto

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE OF EMPLOYMENT AND JOB CREATION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF QUALITY JOBS FOR THE FILIPINO LABOR FORCE

WHEREAS, it has been declared a policy of the State to promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all;

WHEREAS, the Philippines' labor force grew by 4.8% or 1.902 million from 39.287 million in October 2010 to 41.189 million the following year;

WHEREAS, the national unemployment rate remains among the highest in the region, despite its decrease from 7.1% in October 2010 to 6.4% in October 2011;

WHEREAS, fifty percent (50%) of the unemployed are young people, aged 15-24 years old;

WHEREAS, it is reported that around 564,000 college graduates are unemployed as of January 2011;

WHEREAS, the number of underemployed persons increased by 3.3% or 239,000 from 7.141 million in October 2010 to 7.380 million in October 2011;

WHEREAS, the average daily basic pay of wage and salaried workers nationwide stands at P320.59, as compared to the P308.26 recorded from the previous year;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has deployed a total of 1.087 million Filipinos from January to September 2011;

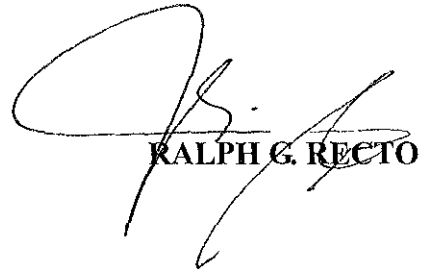
WHEREAS, the Aquino Administration is currently implementing its Philippine Labor and Employment Plan 2011-2016, which provides for strategic directions for labor and employment in the country for the medium-term;

WHEREAS, it is reported that the Community Based Employment Program for infrastructure projects of the Aquino Administration is expected to create one million jobs;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to revisit and rectify, if necessary, the labor and employment plans and programs of the Government, in order to further reduce unemployment, expedite economic growth, alleviate poverty incidence, and meet the country's objectives in the Millennium Development Goals;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Senate Committees on Economic Affairs, and on Labor, Employment and Human Resource Development to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the state of employment and job creation, with the end in view of providing adequate supply of quality jobs for the Filipino labor force.

Adopted,



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