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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING NUMBER OF UNDERWEIGHT AND MALNOURISHED FILIPINO CHILDREN, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF IMPROVING THEIR NUTRITIONAL STATUS AND OVERALL WELL-BEING

WHEREAS, it is the bounden duty of the State to promote the health and welfare of the youth as the hope and future of the Filipino Nation;

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Survey conducted in 2008 has shown that around 3.3 million children below five years are underweight and 3.5 million children are below their normal height;

WHEREAS, micronutrient malnutrition is evidenced by the fact that the vitamin A deficiency status of the country is considered as severe subclinical deficiency affecting children 6 months - 5 years and pregnant women and those who suffer from Iron deficiency anemia are composed of a considerable proportion of infants, pregnant and lactating women;

WHEREAS, medically, it is proven that malnutrition not only slows a child's development but it also makes them vulnerable to a number of illnesses, damages to children include lower intelligence, reduced physical capacity, and passing on malnutrition to the next generation;

WHEREAS, economically, these results to a reduction in productivity and stunts economic growth and in the end perpetuate the cycle of poverty which shall be a continuous burden unless a proper intervention program is implemented;

WHEREAS, demographically, the areas of Mindoro, Marinduque, Palawan, Bicol and Eastern Visayas had the highest prevalence of malnutrition, according to the 2008 National Nutrition Survey, requiring the refocus of government intervention toward these areas of concern;

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, it is necessary to come up with adequate and immediate intervention programs in order to mitigate the danger of malnutrition, to halt infant mortality and foster economic growth: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations and other appropriate committees, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the increasing number of underweight and malnourished Filipino children, with the end in view of improving their nutritional status and overall well-being.

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR