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Introduced by HON. JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA

A RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED MISUSE OF PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (PDAF) OR MORE POPULARLY KNOWN AS "PORK BARREL"

Whereas, the Commission on Audit (COA) came out with a report that some P195 million in the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) of some members of Congress were channeled to an alleged bogus non-government organization (NGO), identified to be Pangkabuhayan Foundation, Inc. (PFI);

Whereas, the COA report identified three (3) incumbent Senators – Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, Senate President Pro Tempore Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada and Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla – as among the sources of two hundred six million pesos (P206 million) in PDAF released in several batches in 2009 and 2010;

Whereas, of the amount received by the said alleged bogus NGO, P74.69 million came from Senate President Enrile's PDAF; P106.7 million from Senator Estrada and P9.7 million from Senator Revilla;

Whereas, COA further reported that the named Senators all nominated the alleged bogus NGO as the beneficiary of the funds to implement its claimed livelihood projects;

Whereas, it has been a **common misconception** that PDAF is a cash allocation personally given to Senators and Congressmen for their unlimited discretionary disposition without any constraint or accountability;

Whereas, in the interest of fairness, transparency, accountability and justice, there is a need to once and for all correct the misconception and to shed light on this disturbing and alarming COA report to make sure that PDAF are being used responsively and effectively;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved to direct the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation into the alleged misuse of Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) or more popularly known as "pork barrel".

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