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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED P10-BILLION PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND SCAM

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 27 of the Constitution states that "[T]he State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption";

WHEREAS, in July of this year, the country was rocked by news reports that the government has allegedly been defrauded of some P10 billion pesos over the past ten (10) years by a syndicate using funds from the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) of lawmakers from both Houses of Congress and various government agencies;

WHEREAS, Congress' inherent power over the purse includes therein the duty to oversee the proper spending of public funds, especially that of the PDAF;

WHEREAS, there is an undeniably strong public clamor calling for Congress to investigate this alleged misuse of public funds, as recently joined in by no less than Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE TO DIRECT THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED P10-BILLION PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND SCAM.

Adopted,

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