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Introduced by Senator Teofisto "TG" Guingona III

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE UNRESOLVED AND LONG-OVERDUE APPEAL OF THE COMMUNITY OF "SLIP 0" IN BARANGAY 20, DISTRICT 1, ZONE 2, TONDO, MANILA, TO BE AWARDED AN ON-SITE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY OF URBAN RENEWAL AND RESETTLEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, "Slip 0" is a community composed of 141 families, located in Barangay 20, Zone 2, District 1, Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Compound, Tondo, Manila;

WHEREAS, since 2002, or for almost 12 years, the "Slip 0" Community has been diligently advocating for the issuance of a proclamation, that would allow its residents to have "on-site" or "in-city" housing;

WHEREAS, in the midst of its struggle to achieve security of land tenure, the "Slip 0 Community" is being threatened with eviction;

WHEREAS, the *1987 Philippine Constitution*, the paramount law of the land, mandates urban land reform and housing, especially for the poor and homeless citizens;

WHEREAS, Section 9, Article XIII on *Social Justice and Human Rights* of the Constitution explicitly provides, "The State shall, by law, and for the common good, undertake, in cooperation with the private sector, a continuing program of urban land reform and housing which will make available at affordable cost, decent housing and basic services to under-privileged and homeless citizens in urban centers and resettlement areas. It shall also promote adequate employment opportunities to such citizens. In the implementation of such program the State shall respect the rights of small property owners;"

WHEREAS, the aforementioned state policy is further emphasized by R.A. 7279, or the *Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992*, which essentially declares as state policy the act of uplifting the conditions of the underprivileged and homeless

citizens in urban areas and in resettlement areas by making available to them decent housing at affordable cost, basic services, and employment opportunities;¹

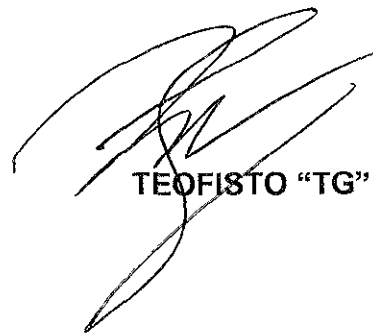
WHEREAS, the "*Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992*," in addition, directs the rehabilitation and development of blighted and slum areas and the resettlement of the law's beneficiaries, and mandates the implementation of on-site development, whenever possible, in order to ensure minimum resettlement of the beneficiaries from their existing places of occupancy;²

WHEREAS, the fundamental issue of security of land tenure aggravates the socio-economic conditions of the "Slip 0 Community," and traps its residents in a never-ending cycle of poverty and vulnerability to marginalization;

WHEREAS, the "Slip 0 Community" is merely asking for 2,500 square meters, out of the vast 20,000 square meter-property owned by the PPA, for socialized housing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to direct the Committee on Justice and Human Rights to investigate, in aid of legislation, the unresolved and long-overdue appeal of the Community of "Slip 0" in Barangay 20, District 1, Zone 2, Tondo, Manila, to be awarded an on-site housing development, in accordance with the policy of urban renewal and resettlement of the government.

Adopted,



TEOFISTO "TG" GUINGONA III

¹ Par. a, Sec. 2, R.A. 7279.

² Sec. 26, Art. VII, R.A. 7279.