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**JOINT RESOLUTION
ADOPTING AND PUBLISHING A GLOSSARY OF SIGNIFICANT HOUSING
TERMINOLOGIES FOR THE ADHERENCE OF KEY SHELTER AGENCIES AND
OTHER HOUSING STAKEHOLDERS**

WHEREAS, Section 9, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "The State shall, by law, and for the common good, undertake, in cooperation with the private sector, a continuing program of urban and 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. xxx";

WHEREAS, there are various laws trying to address the need for decent shelter but there is no standardize definitions of significant housing terms;

WHEREAS, there is confusion to government agencies, private sector and other stakeholders, caused by the ambiguous and conflicting definitions of vital terms relating to housing;

WHEREAS, this major issue leads to varying data on housing among the public and private sectors which is detrimental to sound planning of government interventions on housing;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a standard definition of terms be formally adopted and published for the guidance of the legislative and executive, including the private and public sector as well in order to bring clarity to the confusion;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement of the Senate and the Committee on Housing and Urban Development of the House of Representatives recognize the need for a glossary common to all stakeholders systematizing the definitions of significant housing terms which will serve as a benchmark to which all concerned agencies and entities shall adopt and adhere to;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate and the House of Representatives, to adopt and publish a glossary of significant housing terminologies to which all key shelter agencies and all other stakeholders shall adopt and adhere to.

Adopted,


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