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P.S. Res. No. 505

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Introduced by **Senator Raffy T. Tulfo**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE REPORTED
FAILURE OF FORMER SAUDI OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs)
TO REGISTER THEIR CLAIMS FOR BACK PAY, DESPITE EARLIER
COMMITMENT MADE BY THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT TO SETTLE CLAIMS**

1 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the State to promote and protect the welfare of
2 Overseas Filipino Workers, to provide them full protection, safe working conditions,
3 and guarantee the provision of all benefits;

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5 WHEREAS, on November 18, 2022, the Philippine government through the
6 Department of Migrant Workers, announced that the Saudi Government has
7 committed to settling the back wages and separation pay of around 10,000 Overseas
8 Filipino Workers whose salaries were unpaid when Saudi construction companies
9 folded a few years back;

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11 WHEREAS, the announcement came after Philippine President Bongbong
12 Marcos Jr. met with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman during the APEC
13 Summit in Bangkok whereby the latter agreed to shoulder the P1-billion wage claims
14 of the OFWs;

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16 WHEREAS, there have been several reports of former Saudi-based OFWs
17 claiming back wages and separation pay with utterly unsuccessful attempts to register
18 their claims;

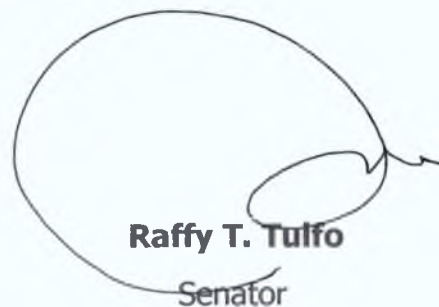
1 WHEREAS, according to OFW-Family Club President, Roy Señeres Jr., only a
2 measly number of around 200 OFWs were able to register as required by the embassy
3 of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia while the period of registration set by the Saudi
4 Embassy was earlier set to end by January 31, 2023;

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6 WHEREAS, the process of registering claims proved to be tedious and chaotic,
7 especially to some claimants who are digitally challenged and to those who have lost
8 some pertinent documents required, hence the possibility of being paid their monetary
9 claims remains bleak and elusive;

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11 WHEREAS, it is necessary to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation to determine
12 the extent of the problem and propose measures to address the situation;

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14 NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to direct the
15 Committee on Migrant Workers to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the reports
16 of Overseas Filipino Workers not being able to register their back wages and
17 separation pay claims pursuant to the process laid down by the Saudi government.

Adopted,



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Senator