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Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION
INTO THE INTEGRITY OF THE NURSING LICENSURE EXAMINATION**

WHEREAS, 91 nursing students and deans of various nursing schools from Baguio City and the Cordillera Administrative Region are questioning the integrity of the 2006 Nursing Board Exam, alleging widespread leakage of exam questions by review centers;

WHEREAS, these concerned students and deans alleged that the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) intentionally suppressed information regarding the alleged leakage;

WHEREAS, the rest of the world looks to the Philippines to fill the nursing shortages in their countries due to the reputation of Filipino nurses for their competence, diligence, and compassion towards their patients;

WHEREAS, the nursing board leakage is just the latest scandal that undermines public trust in the nurses produced by Philippine schools, following allegations of loose accreditation of nursing schools and the Commission on Higher Education's feeble enforcement of academic standards in nursing schools;

WHEREAS, since nurses are charged with the health, medical needs, and life of their patients here and abroad, it is essential that the PRC ensure that licensed nurses are competent and fully equipped to perform the responsibilities of the nursing profession;

WHEREAS, these allegations could taint the credibility of entire government-sponsored testing system and affect the image of all Filipino professionals going out of the country;

WHEREAS, unscrupulous people who engage in unethical practices, such as cheating in professional board examinations, should be punished accordingly to discourage such behavior and ensure that the professional and ethical standing of our nurses are beyond reproach.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to call for an inquiry in aid of legislation into the integrity of the Nursing Licensure Examination.

Adopted,


RICHARD J. GORDON