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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON YOUTH AND ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON YOUTH JOBLESSNESS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE RECENT GOVERNMENT STATISTICS OF 1.190 MILLION YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN JANUARY 2016, WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF STRENGTHENING POLICIES AND INTRODUCING DYNAMIC MEASURES AIMED AT GENERATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE UNEMPLOYED

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes “the vital role of the youth in nation building and declares that the State shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual and social well-being”;

WHEREAS, joblessness stymies the development and transformation of the Filipino youth into responsible citizens and future leaders of society;

WHEREAS, 1.190 million Filipino youth aged 15-24 are unemployed, according to the Philippine Statistical Authority’s *Labor Force Survey* for January 2016<sup>1</sup>;

WHEREAS, the same PSA study states that “of the total unemployed, the age group 15 to 24 years comprised 48.2 percent”;<sup>2</sup>

WHEREAS, Article II, Section. 9 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the promotion of full employment is crucial to bringing about a “x x x a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty x x x”

WHEREAS, the Declaration of State Policy under Republic Act 8044 or the “Youth in Nation Building Act” states that “The State recognizes its responsibility to enable the youth to fulfill their vital role in nation building x x x”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Senate Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations and on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development to conduct a study, in aid of legislation, on the persistence of unemployment, with the objectives of assessing the impact of existing state interventions, strengthening effective policies, and introducing dynamic legislative measures which aim at the absorption of jobless youth into the labor force.

Adopted,

  
GRACE POE

<sup>1</sup> Philippine Statistics Authority. “Employment Rate in January 2016 is Estimated at 94.2 Percent” Retrieved from <http://psa.gov.ph/content/employment-rate-january-2016-estimated-942-percent>

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*