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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF SENATE TO SUPPORT THE INCREASE OF THE CURRENT DAILY LOCAL OR FOREIGN TRAVEL ALLOWANCE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS, URGING THE TRAVEL RATES COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CURRENT RATES, AND CALLING UPON PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 298, SERIES OF 2004

1 **WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2004, former President Gloria
2 Macapagal-Arroyo signed *Executive Order No. 298* (E.O. 298 s. 2004),
3 entitled "Amending Further Executive Order No. 248 dated May 29,
4 1995 as amended by Executive Order No. 248-A dated August 14, 1995,
5 which Prescribed Rules and Regulations and New Rates of Allowances
6 for Official Local and Foreign Travels of Government Personnel";

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8 **WHEREAS**, E.O. 298 s. 2004 prescribed that travel expenses of
9 government officials and personnel shall be in the amount of eight
10 hundred pesos (Php800.00) per day, regardless of rank and destination;

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12 **WHEREAS**, it specified the breakdown of the eight hundred peso
13 (Php800.00) travel allowance as follows:

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Hotel and Lodging	50%	Php 400.00
Meals	30%	Php 240.00
Incidental Expenses	20%	Php 160.00

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16 **WHEREAS**, the authorized travel expense of government officials
17 and personnel as stated in E.O. 298 s. 2004 was based on prevailing
18 market prices when it was crafted fourteen years ago, hence no longer

1 suitable to present times as prices have considerably increased since
2 2004;

3 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to *Section 72, Chapter 7, Book VI* of
4 *Executive Order No. 292*, otherwise known as the “Administrative Code
5 of 1987”, the rates of travel allowances may be changed from time to
6 time as may be determined by the President upon recommendation of the
7 Travel Rates Committee, consisting of the Secretary of Budget and
8 Management as Chairman, and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs,
9 Secretary of Tourism, and the Chairman of the Commission on Audit, or
10 their representatives, as members;

11 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to increase and adjust the amount of
12 travel allowance for official business from eight hundred pesos
13 (Php800.00) per day to at least two thousand pesos (Php2,000.00) per
14 day, to provide our government officials and personnel with adequate
15 travel allowance to ensure fulfillment of their duties;

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17 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY**
18 **RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO**
19 **STRONGLY SUPPORT THE INCREASE OF THE CURRENT**
20 **DAILY LOCAL OR FOREIGN TRAVEL ALLOWANCE OF**
21 **GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL ON OFFICIAL**
22 **BUSINESS, URGING THE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE RATES**
23 **COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CURRENT RATES, AND**
24 **CALLING UPON PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO**
25 **ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER INCREASING THE**
26 **GOVERNMENT TRAVEL ALLOWANCE FROM EIGHT**
27 **HUNDRED PESOS (Php800.00) PER DAY TO AT LEAST TWO**
28 **THOUSAND PESOS (Php2000.00) PER DAY.**

Adopted,


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