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Introduced by Representative Eric D. Singson

A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO CONVENE AS A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION, UPON A VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS OF ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS VOTING SEPARATELY

WHEREAS, a Constitution, being the fundamental law of the land, must be relevant and responsive to the needs of the Filipino people and must keep pace with the changes in conditions and circumstances surrounding them;

WHEREAS, the present 1987 Constitution was crafted twenty-nine (29) years ago immediately after martial law under conditions which were completely different from today;

WHEREAS, there is a need to address the demands of current realities in our country and that many sectors of the Philippine Society have openly expressed and admitted to the fact that the present Constitution contains several major defects that need to be removed and or amended;

WHEREAS, in our current system, development programs are centrally determined and planned by the national government in Manila endowing it with a concentration of such enormous powers resulting in a highly centralized system of government;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Basic Law, cured of its constitutional defects, is important in order to attain a lasting peace and eventual prosperity not only in Mindanao, but the whole country;

WHEREAS, a Federal system of government is ideal as it would speed up the development of the entire nation and help eliminate the causes of the problems throughout the land;

WHEREAS, economic amendments should be introduced in order to make Philippine economy more attuned to the changing global economic landscape;

WHEREAS, reiterating the earlier filed House Joint Resolution No. 2 calling the Senate and the House of Representatives to constitute themselves into a constituent assembly is the most expeditious and less costly to introduce and adopt amendments to the Constitution;

WHEREAS, there should be an “Advisory Group” composed of 20 or more members who are experts in their respective fields and coming from different sectors who have the proper qualifications and credentials, to lend their experience and wisdom to the Assembly;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that partisan political interests and vested interests be set aside so that the country can stand solid in forging a new Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved that the Senate and the House of Representatives be convened as a Constituent Assembly, for the purpose of amending the Constitution , upon a vote of three-fourths of all members of congress voting separately.



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