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Introduced by: Hon. Gus S. Tambunting

**A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE COMMITTEE OF CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS TO STUDY HOW THE 1987 CONSTITUTION CAN BEST BE
REVISED CONSIDERING THE CLAMOR FOR A SHIFT TO FEDERALISM AND
POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION'S ECONOMIC PROVISIONS**

WHEREAS, the Constitution is the fundamental law of the land, which establishes the powers of government and which provides the over-arching guidelines for the political, social, and economic life of Philippine society;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Constitution to adapt given how the present needs and aspirations of the Filipino people have changed over time, with the current circumstances of the Philippine nation being very different from 1987, the time when the present Constitution was written;

WHEREAS, the current presidential system of government has been labeled by some experts as a failure as it "has not worked for the Filipino people";

WHEREAS, various sectors have been calling for a shift for federalism as the answer to the country's political problems, with President Rodrigo Duterte strongly supporting such move, while others have been calling for amendments to the 1987 Constitution's economic provisions in order to encourage more foreign direct investment;

WHEREAS, such action can only be done by using the means provided by the 1987 Constitution for amending or revising the said charter;

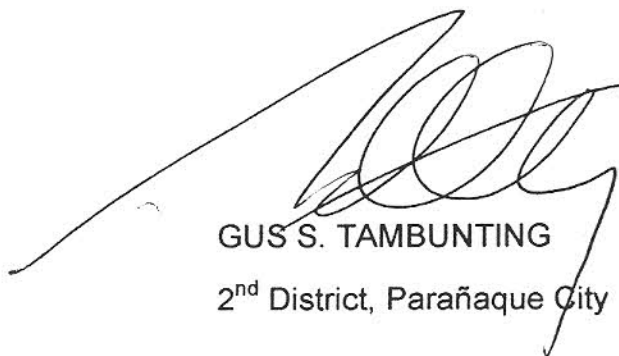
WHEREAS, *Article XVII. Section 1* of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that any amendment or revision of the present charter may be proposed by (1) the

Congress, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its Members; or (2) a constitutional convention;

WHEREAS, amending or revising the 1987 Constitution is uncharted territory, thus, it would be necessary for a thorough study to be undertaken to decipher how best we can proceed with constitutional amendment and/or revision:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE COMMITTEE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS STUDY HOW THE 1987 CONSTITUTION CAN BEST BE REVISED CONSIDERING THE CLAMOR FOR A SHIFT TO FEDERALISM AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION'S ECONOMIC PROVISIONS.

Adopted,



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