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A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO CONVENE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING PROPOSALS TO AMEND OR REVISE THE CONSTITUTION, UPON A VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS OF ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

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

WHEREAS, many sectors of the Philippine society have been clamoring for amendments to the present Constitution to make it more effective in providing for the national welfare;

WHEREAS, under Section 1, Article XVII of the Constitution, any amendment to, or revision of, this Constitution may be proposed by:

- (1) The Congress, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its members, or
- (2) A *Constitutional Convention*;

WHEREAS, there is a recognized distinction between the exercise of legislative powers of Congress from the exercise of the constituent power to amend or revise the Constitution;

WHEREAS, Congress, in the exercise of its legislative power as provided in Article VI of the 1987 Constitution, cannot amend or revise the Constitution, but it is through the exercise of its constituent power under Article XVII, Section 1 of the Constitution that "any amendment to, or revision of the Constitution may be proposed, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its Members; .

WHEREAS, for economic consideration, the calling for a Constituent Assembly is more practical as it does away with a costly election of delegates to a Constitutional Convention and appropriating funds for its operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of Congress be convened for the purpose of proposing amendments to, or revision of the Constitution upon a vote for three-fourths of all its Members and that upon its being convened shall adopts its rules of procedures that shall govern its proceedings.

Adopted.

