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Introduced by Representative TEODORICO T. HARESCO, JR.

A RESOLUTION FOR THE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO URGETHE DOF AND NEDA TO ACCESS OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AMOUNTING TO US$300M FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CENTRALIZED AND NATIONALIZED E-GOVERNANCE SYSTEM BASED ON A FIFTH GENERATION (5G) WIRELESS NETWORK DATABASE FOR A PROPOSED PHILHEALTH SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Article II Sec. 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that it is the policy of the state to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

WHEREAS, RA 11223 or the Universal Healthcare Act in Section 2 provides that the State shall adopt:

a) an integrated and comprehensive approach to ensure that all Filipinos are health literate, provided with healthy living conditions, and protected from hazards and risks that could affect their health;

b) a health care model that provides all Filipinos access to a comprehensive set of quality and cost-effective, promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health services without causing financial hardship, and prioritizes the needs of the population who cannot afford such services;

c) a framework that fosters a whole-of-system, whole-of-government, and whole-of-society approach in the development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of health policies, programs and plans; and

d) a people-oriented approach for the delivery of health services that is centered on people’s needs and well-being, and cognizant of the differences in culture, values, and beliefs.

WHEREAS, RA 7875 or the National Health Insurance Act of 1995 in Section 3 mandates PhilHealth, as the implementor National Health Insurance Program, to help the people pay for healthcare services.

WHEREAS, during the conduct of joint committee hearings by the Committees on Public Accounts and Good Government and Public Accountability, it is discovered that an organized group or “mafia” controls the system of corruption in PhilHealth which is composed of some
high-ranking government and PhilHealth officials and employees colluding with doctors, private and public hospitals and some of their officers and employees, bank tellers and other personalities connected to and involved in the preparation, verification, and disbursement of insurance fund.

WHEREAS, during the conduct of joint committee hearings by the Committees on Public Accounts and Good Government and Public Accountability, it is discovered that false or fraudulent claims against the corporation were being perpetrated by the “mafia” of corrupt PhilHealth officers and employees in collusion with doctors and hospitals, and some banks which act as remittance centers.

WHEREAS, during the conduct of joint committee hearings by the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability and on Public Accounts, it is discovered that murderous tendencies have engulfed the members of the mafia in order to hide the corruption in PhilHealth, leading to the murders and attempted murders of personalities involved in the investigation of the corporation’s corruption scandal.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Ombudsman has found probable cause in placing some PhilHealth Officials under preventive suspension to ensure fair and impartial investigation.

WHEREAS, the corruption system in PhilHealth stemmed from the lack of an organized, real-time, fast, reliable, and encrypted database system that will aid in easily verifying the validity of the claims, thereby reducing the possibility of irregularities and corruption.

WHEREAS, with the development of the Fifth Generation (5G) Wireless Technology, a network which is 100 times faster and able to handle more connected devices than the existing 4G LTE network, government agencies must utilize this technology to further upgrade their current systems and enable their services to reach a greater number of people.

WHEREAS, having a nationwide scope and responsibility in an archipelagic country, PhilHealth must adopt modern technological advancements such as the 5G network technology for the proposed E-PhilHealth System to establish a fast and secure database of all health-insured Filipinos and avoid extreme delays in the processing of insurance applications which often lead to irregularities and corruption.

WHEREAS, the development of an E-PhilHealth system and the automation of its transactions will encourage transparency by providing an efficient means for the Commission on Audit and BangkoSentral ng Pilipinas to validate the veracity of each and every financial transaction the corporation undertakes.

WHEREAS, the development of an E-PhilHealth System will aid in the prevention of further losses of the corporation due to malversation of funds, and will help ensure the prevention of another Php 15B corruption scandal, ghost beneficiaries, falsified claims, and other schemes created by the present system.

WHEREAS, the Department and Finance and NEDA, as the country’s primary economic and socioeconomic planning agencies, must devise a comprehensive financial plan for the
funding of the proposed E-PhilHealth System through Official Development Assistance pursuant to RA 8182 or the ODA Act, as amended.

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte during his SONA 2020 highlighted both the importance of public healthcare and the eradication of corruption in various transactions of government agencies, including PhilHealth.

WHEREAS, with the recent advancements in the field of medical science, the government must device fast and efficient means to ensure that affordable and efficient healthcare services are available to every Filipino.

Approved,

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