



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. Ct. Res. No. 09

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALVAREZ (P.), FARIÑAS, BELMONTE (F.), VIOLAGO, BENITEZ, GARCIA (G.), MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, PICHAY, TAMBUNTING, ABU, BARBERS, SARMIENTO (E.), DEFENSOR, LEACHON, OAMINAL, ALMARIO, GOMEZ, ESPINO, GONZALES (A.D.), DE VERA, SINGSON, FLOIRENDO, MERCADO, VELOSO, MACEDA, NUÑEZ-MALANYAON, CASTRO (F.H.), SARMIENTO (C.), UMALI, VELASCO, PIMENTEL, DALIPE, BOLILIA, ACOPI, ONG (E.), GO (A.C.), VELASCO-CATERA, GARCIA-ALBANO, GARIN (S.), HERNANDEZ, ABUEG, BONDOC, HOFER, CRISOLOGO, NOEL, GULLAS, TY, CAMPOS, ANTONINO, PADUANO, BERTIZ, DY, SY-ALVARADO, ABELLANOSA, RODRIGUEZ (M.), VILLAFUERTE, VELARDE, ATIENZA, CANAMA, BRAVO (A.), ROQUE (H.), BIAZON, DEFENSOR, FORTUNO, NIETO, EVARDONE, VILLAR, ROMUALDEZ, BATOCABE, ABU, COSALAN, SALCEDA, BELMONTE (J.C.), ROMUALDO, QUIMBO, VARGAS AND BANAL, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 110

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONSTITUTE THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES AS A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF, THE 1987 CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the Constitution is the fundamental and paramount law which provides the framework of governance, as well as the instrument of the people to secure their rights and promote the common welfare;

WHEREAS, recent events show that it is imperative that reforms be introduced in the present Constitution for it to be responsive to the exigencies of the times, including the need to

provide a long-term solution to the decades-old conflict in Mindanao and to spur economic regional development in the countryside, and provide impetus to much needed socioeconomic and political reforms;

WHEREAS, the clamor and sentiment from a broad cross-section of society seeking a review of certain provisions in the twenty-nine (29)-year old Philippine Constitution, to make it more attuned and responsive to the demands of present conditions and economic realities have not only been sustained but affirmed with the overwhelming victory of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, who stood on a platform for a shift from a unitary to a federal form of government, among others;

WHEREAS, the Members of Congress represent the diverse sectors of society and when they convene as a Constituent Assembly, shall have the capacity to introduce sound and timely amendments to the Constitution;

WHEREAS, a Constituent Assembly is the preferred mode of introducing amendments to the Constitution since it is deemed the most expeditious, open and least costly among the options contemplated: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate*
- 2 *concurring, That the Seventeenth Congress of the Republic of the*
- 3 *Philippines shall constitute itself into a Constituent Assembly to*
- 4 *propose amendments to, or revision of, the Philippine Constitution*
- 5 *pursuant to Section 1, paragraph 1 of Article XVII thereof.*

Adopted,

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