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Introduced by  
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**JOINT RESOLUTION MANDATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE SECOND TRANCHE OF THE APPROVED SOCIAL SECURITY  
PENSION INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020  
TO CUSHION THE IMPACT OF NEW TAXES AND TO PROVIDE  
SOCIAL PROTECTION TO PENSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 8282 or the Social Security Act of 1997, as amended by Republic Act 11199 or the Social Security Act of 2018, recognizes the policy of the State “to establish, develop, promote and perfect a sound and viable tax-exempt social security system suitable to the needs of the people throughout the Philippines which shall promote social justice through savings, ensure meaningful social protection to members and their beneficiaries against the hazards of disability, sickness, maternity, old age, death, and other contingencies resulting in loss of income or financial burden;

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2017, the House of Representatives approved on Third and Final Reading House Joint Resolution No. 10 entitled “Joint Resolution Increasing the Monthly Pension of the Social Security System Pensioners Under the Social Security Act of 1997”;

**WHEREAS**, HJR No. 10 stated that “the meager amount of monthly pension that SSS pensioners receive is no longer adequate to support even their basic needs, most importantly their monthly food sustenance and medical needs”;

**WHEREAS**, through HJR No. 10, Congress resolves “to increase the monthly pension of the SSS pensioners by two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) under the Social Security Act of 1997” to be given in two (2) tranches: the first tranche amounting to one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) to be given starting January 2017 and the second tranche amounting to one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) to be given to the pensioners in January 2019;

**WHEREAS**, HJR No. 10 was transmitted to the Senate on January 18, 2017 and remain pending in the Senate Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises as of date;

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2017, President Rodrigo Duterte approved the P2,000.00 increase in the SSS pension in two (2) tranches, through a memorandum signed by Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea. The initial P1,000 increase was made effective retroactively on January 2017 and the second tranche or the additional P1,000 to be implemented the earliest possible time but not later than the year 2022;

**WHEREAS**, according to the SSS, as of 2017, it has 36.1 million members, and, 2.4 million pensioners, as of September 2018;

**WHEREAS**, with the P1,000 SSS pension increase in January 2017, the minimum SSS pension was raised to P2,200-P3,400. Yet, according to IBON Databank, a family of six in the National Capital Region needs P1,168/day or P35,040/month. This will translate to P5,840/month per member of the family;

**WHEREAS**, whatever benefit, though, the first tranche of P1,000 SSS pension increase might have provided to the pensioners was already easily wiped out by the higher cost of food and other commodities with the implementation of Republic Act 10963 or the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law on January 1, 2018. The Philippine Statistics Authority reported an inflation rate of 4.3% in March and successive year-highs of 4% and 4.5% in January and February of 2018, coinciding with the initial implementation of the TRAIN Law;

**WHEREAS**, there is an increasing clamor among the SSS pensioners and their families to immediately implement the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of SSS pension increase to cushion the effects of TRAIN Law and provide social protection to the pensioners;

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo Duterte promised during his candidacy to grant the P2,000 SSS pension increase, which in fact, he signed Executive Order 54 on May 2018 for the implementation of the first P1,000 increase;


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives and the Senate, to mandate the implementation of the second tranche of the Social Security Pension increase effective January 1, 2020.

*Approved,*

  
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