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Introduced by: **REP. JOSEPH STEPHEN S. PADUANO**

A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE ALLEGED FINANCIAL, OPERATIONAL MISMANAGEMENT, CORRUPTION AS WELL AS THE PROLIFERATION OF FRAUD PAYMENTS MADE BY PHILHEALTH TO A DIALYSIS CENTER FOR KIDNEY TREATMENTS OF GHOST PATIENTS.

WHEREAS, it is the mandate and function of the National Health Insurance Program (Philhealth) to provide health insurance coverage and ensure affordable, acceptable, available and accessible health care services for all citizens of the Phillipines;

WHEREAS, Philhealth shall also serve as the means for the healthy to help pay for the care of the sick and for those who can afford medical care to subsidize those who cannot;

WHEREAS, for several years, Philhealth has been performing its function very well. It has helped lots of people who have problems with their hospital bills and medicines, until very recently, the agency was involved into irregularities involving its officials and employees;

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of the Philippines has ordered the leadership of Philhealth to run after its officials and employees who allegedly allowed payments made to a dialysis center for kidney treatments of ghost patients;

WHEREAS, there is a need to look into these allegations as it involves the hardship contribution of its lawful members;

WHEREAS, the government should institute the necessary criminal actions against those officials and employees who wittingly or unwittingly allowed such misuse of funds to take place for years;

WHEREAS, a former employee of the WellMed Dialysis and Laboratory Center Corporation revealed that Philhealth approved and released the payments for dialysis treatments of ghost patients or dead patients;

WHEREAS, it was also revealed that the collection of payments was not only for dead patients but also for patients who had yet to complete their treatments.

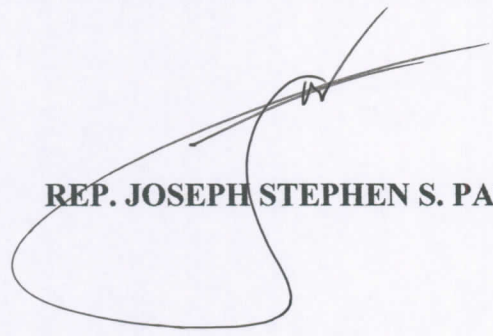
WHEREAS, in addition to this, claims were made from dialysis packages even though other treatments were performed;

WHEREAS, previously, Philhealth was also implicated into anomalies involving the excessive expenses on trips and hotel accommodations of some of its officers;

WHEREAS, there is a need to safeguard the finances of Philhealth as it is the most important element to be able to provide quality healthcare to all Filipinos;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, for the House Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability to immediately conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the above-mentioned issues and circumstances in order to explore and adopt efficient management or to impose the stiffer penalties against those officials and employees who allowed payments made to a dialysis center for kidney treatments of ghost patients, and to come out with the necessary legislation for this purpose.

ADOPTED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joseph S. Paduano', is written over a large, loopy scribble that also contains the printed name below it.

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