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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 858

Introduced By Hon. Rene M. Velarde, Hon. Del R. De Guzman, Hon. Didagen P. Dilangalen

RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE
AMENDMENTS TO OR THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, our 1987 Constitution is a good Constitution drafted by the 1986 Constitutional Commission composed of national leaders who had extensive experience as former government officials in the legislative, executive and judicial departments and also as respected professionals in different fields and members from the academe; but all of them were just appointed by the President who took over the office after the 1986 People Power Revolution.

WHEREAS, because of time constraints, the 1986 Constitutional Commission can only concentrate on how the Constitution can prevent the recurrence of a Martial Law regime in the future, thus, leaving a number of important issues not decided but left for future legislative action which has not been taken so far;

WHEREAS, The 1987 Constitution can not be used directly to fight corruption because its provisions on transparency need to be re-written and strengthened, among others.

WHEREAS, Given the actual political developments that have happened since the 1986 People Power Revolution, there is need to re-examine the issue: Should we replace our presidential to a parliamentary form of government.

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution needs to be amended to enable the country to face the challenge of the 21st century;

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

(1) The Congress, as a constituent assembly, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its members; or

(2) A constitutional convention called for the purpose; or,

(3) The people directly, through initiative, upon petition of the required number of registered voters.

WHEREAS, the calling of a constitutional convention to be composed of elected delegates from all the regions in the country is the logical and appropriate action as it will afford people's participation in the process through delegates chosen by them, besides, it has more time and expertise to frame a new Constitution because its whole attention is focused on that job;

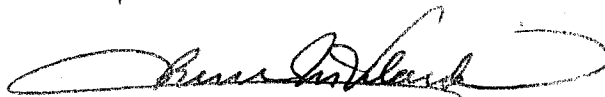
WHEREAS, in addition to the elected delegates from all the regions, in the country, whose number shall be equivalent to the number of legislative districts in each

region, there shall be party-list delegates who shall constitute twenty per centum of the total number of delegate including those under the party-list to represent labor, peasant, urban poor, indigenous cultural communities, women and the youth, except the religious sector; therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY A VOTE OF TWO THIRDS OF ALL ITS MEMBERS, WITH THE SENATE CONCURRING ALSO BY A VOTE OF TWO THIRDS OF ALL ITS MEMBERS, To call for a constitutional convention which shall convene after the general elections that will be held on May 2010, for the proposed amendments to or the revision of, the Constitution.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That any other details relating to the specific holding of the Constitutional Convention shall be embodied in an implementing legislation to be enacted by Congress.

Adopted.



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CONGRESSMAN DEL RIO DE GUZMAN



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