Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS Second Regular Session

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Introduced by Reps. Roilo S. Golez and Francis G. Escudero

RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING THAT AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRE THAT THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL VOTE SEPARATELY AND THAT THE CONTEMPLATED REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION, GIVEN ITS IMPORTANCE, BE ACCORDED WITH THE NECESSARY TIME AND RESOURCES, INCLUDING, WIDESPREAD PARTICIPATION, TOTAL TRANSPARENCY, AND RELATIVELY SERENITY THAT ALLOWS FOR NATIONAL DISCUSSION AND DEBATE.

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, a bicameral system of legislature mandates that the Senate and the House of Representatives always vote separately on all bills and resolutions, major or minor, national or local;

WHEREAS, even in changing the names of streets and highways requires that the Senate and the House of Representatives vote separately, more so in the case of the supreme exercise of amending or revising the Constitution, including the appropriation of funds accordingly;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 26, convening Congress as a Constituent Assembly to propose amendments to, or revision of, the 1987 Constitution, and transmitted the same to the Senate for adoption:

WHEREAS, various non-governmental, people's and religious organizations, including the Catholic Bishop Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), stand to believe that changing the Constitution, which may involve major shifts in the form of government, requires widespread participation, total transparency, and relative serenity that allows for national discussion and debate;

WHEREAS, given the importance of the Constitution, which is the fundamental law of the land, we should devote the necessary time and resources to revisit the same to be able to recommend appropriate amendments, which are responsive to the needs of the Filipino people:

HOUSE THE IT RESOLVED BY THEREFORE. BE REPRESENTATIVES, affirming that amendments to the Constitution require that the Senate and the House of Representatives shall vote separately and that the contemplated revision of the Constitution, given its importance, be accorded with the necessary time and resources, including, widespread participation, total transparency, and relative serenity that allows for national discussion and debate.

Adopted,

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