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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN RIGHTS, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND INTER-PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY TO STRONGLY URGE THE ASEAN SECRETARY GENERAL, DR. SURIN PITSUWAN AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, MR. BAN KI-MOON TO URGENTLY INTERVENE IN MYANMAR WITH REGARD TO THE WELL-BEING OF DETAINED NOBEL PEACE PRIZE LAUREATE DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI

Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of the members of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Myanmar Caucus (AIPMC) that detained Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi might have been on a hunger strike since 16 August 2008;

Whereas, while the hunger protest has been denied by Myanmar's military government, it has been reportedly ascertained by the members of the National League for Democracy (NLD) and issued a news release on the matter;

Whereas, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is denied any access even to her friends, family, colleagues and the media;

Whereas, if indeed, she has been refusing her food supply, that is a serious concern for all and which must urgently be verified;

Whereas, the only way to verify such report is by regional and international intervention, particularly that of the ASEAN and the United Nations;

Whereas, Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, ASEAN Secretary General recognizes the critical role of ASEAN in weaving an "architecture that will reflect our aspirations for the future of our region and a better life for our posterity," (*excerpt from Dr. Pitsuwan's speech during the ASEAN 41st Anniversary Commemoration*)

Whereas, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations made commitments to being an honest broker in conflict situations, deliver justice to those being discriminated against and deliver humanitarian assistance to those in need when he assumed office;

Whereas, Myanmar is a part of the ASEAN and the global community;

Whereas, any further delay in action with regard to this matter can spell life and death for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi;

Now, therefore be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, that the House of Representatives direct the Committees Human Rights, Foreign Affairs, and Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Diplomacy to strongly urge the ASEAN Secretary General, Dr. Surin Pitsuwan and Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-Moon to urgently Intervene in Myanmar with regard to the well-being of detained Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi;

Resolved further, that the Philippine House of Representatives express its concern for the health and condition of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and urge the Myanmar military government to facilitate the visitation of international institutions, particularly the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations;

Adopted.

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