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Introduced by Hon. Lorenzo R. Tañada III

**A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DELAY IN THE UPGRADING
OF THE WEATHER FORECASTING SYSTEM FACILITY UNDER THE
PHILIPPINE ATMOSPHERIC GEOPHYSICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

Whereas, the present weather forecasting facility of the Philippines is completely backward in comparison to the facilities of our nearby countries;

Whereas, it is necessary for a country like the Philippines to upgrade its existing weather forecasting facility considering that the Philippines is within the so-called Typhoon Belt thus is regularly hit by cyclones and tropical storms;

Whereas, being in the Typhoon Belt, advance information on weather conditions plays a vital role in the economy of the nation, affecting industrial, agricultural, aviation, maritime and even the communication sector of the country;

Whereas, recognizing this need, the National Disaster Coordinating Council and the Office of the President have released funds for the specific purpose of upgrading our weather forecasting facility to give us the opportunity to be at par with our neighboring countries in tracking weather conditions;

Whereas, despite the release of these funds, there is yet to be an upgrade of the system;

Whereas, several biddings have been conducted for the procurement of a new system but questionable delays have marred the actual realization of the project;

Whereas, the delay in the project should be looked into to facilitate the completion of the upgrade of the weather forecasting system;

BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives direct the Committee on Oversight to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the delay in the upgrade of the weather forecasting system under the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration.

Adopted.

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