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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GLOBALIZATION AND WTO TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S PREPAREDNESS TO MITIGATE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THE NEW U.S. TARIFF POLICY ON THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY**

**WHEREAS**, on July 31, 2025, the United States, through an Executive Order signed by President Trump, announced new tariffs set to take effect on August 7, imposing duties on goods from ASEAN countries;

**WHEREAS**, this new policy requires the Philippines to pay a 19% tariff on its exports to the US, a reduction of only one percentage point from the previous tariff rate of 20%;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines received the smallest tariff discount among ASEAN members, with other nations such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam receiving significantly larger reductions;

**WHEREAS**, Philippine officials had previously considered a 20% tariff acceptable, assuming it would be higher than the rates imposed on competitor nations; however, the new policy imposes a similar 19% tariff on imports from Indonesia, Cambodia, Malaysia, and Thailand, thereby eroding the Philippines' competitive advantage and market share;

**WHEREAS**, this new tariff policy threatens to reduce the Philippines' price-based advantage and its chances of benefiting from trade diversion and supply chain shifts from U.S. manufacturers;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. was the top destination for Philippine goods as of June 2025, with exports valued at \$1.22 billion, a 35.2% increase from the previous year, highlighting the crucial importance of the US market;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine government also agreed to grant zero tariffs on certain US imports, including automobiles, wheat, soy, and pharmaceuticals, a move that could result in an estimated P3 billion to P6 billion in foregone tariff revenue;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to assess whether the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Agriculture (DA) have developed and implemented effective mitigating measures to support affected Philippine exporters;

**WHEREAS**, evaluation of the potential for lost export revenue and the overall economic impact of the new tariff structure on Philippine industries is imperative;

**WHEREAS**, farmers' groups and exporters are appealing to investigate whether the concessions granted by the Philippines, including zero-tariff access for US products, represent a fair and equitable trade-off, especially given the minimal tariff discount received;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GLOBALIZATION AND WTO, CONDUCTS AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S PREPAREDNESS TO MITIGATE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THE NEW U.S. TARIFF POLICY IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE MOST VIABLE PATH FORWARD FOR THE PHILIPPINES**



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