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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PRESENT STATE OF THE PHILIPPINES' ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING A COMPETITIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE STAKEHOLDERS, AND INVESTORS AND STRENGTHENING THE SECTOR IN GENERAL**

*Whereas*, the Philippine electronics industry is made up of over 700 firms of which around 75% are foreign-owned and 25% domestic companies and that the business entities in the finished electronic products sector are classified into two: large companies that are either subsidiaries of trans-national or joint ventures, and small or medium Filipino owned firms ("Electronics Industry in the Philippines", [www.electronics.sa/publications](http://www.electronics.sa/publications));

*Whereas*, the industry employs roughly 500,000 workers in several production facilities around the country;

*Whereas*, the industry generated more than US\$31 billion in sales in 2007;

*Whereas*, semiconductors, used as intermediate materials for the manufacture of more advanced electronics products, account for three-fourths of the local electronics manufacturing industry;

*Whereas, the following are relevant information on the country's electronic industry:*

- Electronics output declined by an estimated 3.9% in 2008 to US\$13.5 billion and was primarily due to a 12.3% fall in the production of computers and related equipment. Further declines in computer production and a 12% decline in semiconductor output will result in electronics output declining by 10.6% in 2009.
- For 2010, the output is forecasted to increase by 15.7% led by a strong recovery in both the computer and semiconductor segments.

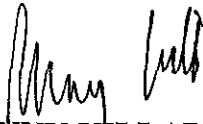
*Whereas*, immediate effects on the electronics industry include a sharp downturn

and massive layoffs by electronics manufacturing companies;

**Whereas**, the Department of Labor and Employment said that up to more than 50,000 workers in the electronics sector could lose their jobs this year;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Trade and Commerce, and other appropriate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the present state of the Philippines' electronics industry, with the aim of providing a competitive framework for the stakeholders and investors and strengthening the sector in general

Adopted,



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