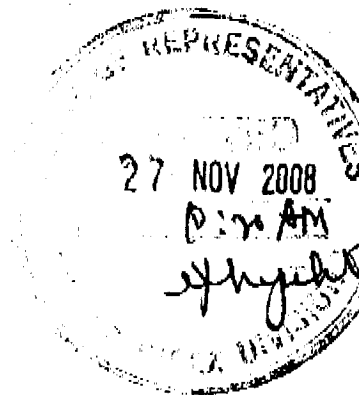


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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 888



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RESOLUTION

REJECTING ANY AND ALL MOVES TO AMEND THE 1987 CONSTITUTION BEFORE THE 2010 ELECTIONS INCLUDING THE PROPOSED CONVENING OF CONGRESS INTO A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

**WHEREAS**, there is renewed and vigorous effort to amend the 1987 Constitution before the 2010 elections through various means including the proposed convening of Congress into a constituent assembly;

**WHEREAS**, the May 2010 elections is fast approaching and there is no compelling and pressing need to amend the 1987 Constitution before the said elections;

**WHEREAS**, some proposed amendments pending before Congress are patently self serving and abhorred by the people and these are the proposals to postpone the May 2010 elections to May 2011, extend the term of incumbent officials and lift term limits of public officials;

**WHEREAS**, proposal to change the presidential and unitary form of government to parliamentary and federal form of government before 2010 elections will surely play into the hands of those plotting to perpetuate Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in power;

**WHEREAS**, removing the protectionist economic provisions of the Constitution being used to justify charter change will likely make the country more vulnerable to global economic recession, open up the nation to further control and plunder by foreign economic powers and exacerbate economic crisis and mass poverty;

**WHEREAS**, some proponents of charter change try to deceive the people by alleging that Congress can limit the amendments that may be tackled by the constituent assembly;

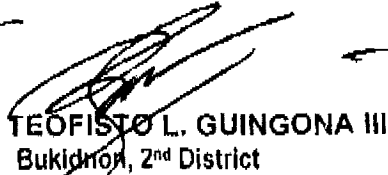
**WHEREAS**, the constituent assembly which is mandated to amend and revise the fundamental law of the land is a distinct entity from Congress which is only authorized to make and modify laws and once convened, is beyond the control of Congress or any other institution and can therefore propose any amendment to or revision of the Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the majority of the people have spoken against charter change under the present dispensation;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives reject any and all moves to amend the 1987 Constitution before the 2010 elections including the convening of Congress into a constituent assembly.

*Adopted,*

  
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