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NOTICE OF MOTION

Need to Replace 45,000 Nigerian Unemployed Youths with the 45,000 Ghost Workers Uncovered by the Federal Government Across the Country:
Hon. Saviour F. Udoh:

The House:

Notes with deep concern the discovery of 45,000 ghost workers in Federal Establishments across the country;

Further notes that the scrutiny of the various accounts of the Federal Ministries, Departments, Agencies of Government and Parastatals between October 2006 and this year 2013 has saved the Federal Government of Nigeria more than ₦100 billion;

Also notes that this achievement was made through the deployment of the Integrated Payroll and Personal Information System (IPPIS) in 215 Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs);

Worried that the first deployment of the Integrated Payroll and Personal Information System (IPPIS) which started in October 2006 only covered 7 pilot Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), namely the Federal Ministry of Education, Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation, Federal Ministry of Finance, Federal Ministry of Works, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Planning Commission and Budget Office of the Federation;

Further worried that by the time a comprehensive audit is conducted in 320 Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) that have not been covered, it may reveal that the Federal Government of Nigeria has been paying over 100,000 ghost workers at the federal level alone every month not to mention the 774 Local Government Councils nationwide;

Concerned that the ghost workers syndrome has permeated other strata of Government, for example — in December 2012, the Akwa Ibom State Government uncovered 2,561 ghost workers through its compulsory biometric data. In November 2012, Kogi State verification Committee on Local Government Staff uncovered 9,258 "ghost workers" in 21 Local Councils; in December, 2012 the Abia State Government discovered 1,727 ghost workers on the payroll of its 17 Local Government Councils through its biometric data implementation committee set up by the State Government to find out why the council's wage bill had steadily been on the increase; In February 2013, the Plateau State Government revealed that it discovered not less than 6,000 ghost workers after a biometric verification exercise was carried out by the State Government. And in July 2011, the Director-General, National Identity Management Commission Mr Chris Onyemenam disclosed that the Commission discovered 4,000 ghost workers from the biometric data captured for the employees of the Commission;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) through the Ministry of Labour and Productivity to employ or facilitate the employment of qualified Nigerian youths and persons to replace the vacancies wherever the ghost workers were detected;

(*ii*) further urge the President to direct the Governors in their respective states, and, the Governors to direct the Local Government Councils in their respective states to replace the Ghost Workers as in (1) above to reflect the Federal Character principle.