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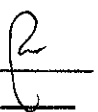


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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO INQUIRE WITH THE HOUSE OF COUNCILORS OF JAPAN (THE DIET OF JAPAN) THE STATUS OF THE LEGISLATION PROMOTING THE RESOLUTION OF ISSUES CONCERNING VICTIMS OF WARTIME SEXUAL COERCION

Whereas, a resolution demanding an apology from the Japanese government over the sexual exploitation of women in the Asia-Pacific region by the military during the war was overwhelmingly passed by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives of the United States last 26 June 2007;

Whereas, there are over a hundred Filipinas who have been victims of wartime sexual coercion;

Whereas, more than half a century has already passed since dastardly sexual acts were carried out against these victims;

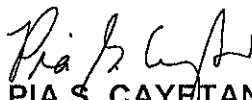
Whereas, due to the delay in the resolution of the issues, some of these victims have already passed away without receiving any apologies from the Japanese government and worse, devoid of any monetary payment for the trauma suffered by them and their families;

Whereas, consequently, there is a pressing need to address the violation of the honor and dignity of the victims of wartime sexual coercion and implement the necessary measures to restore their dignity and honor;

Whereas, last 31 January 2003 and 9 June 2004, a bill entitled "Promotion of Resolution for Issues concerning Victims of Wartime Sexual Coercion Act" was presented before the House of Councilors of Japan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Secretary of Foreign Affairs to inquire on the status of the proposed legislation and exert utmost efforts to push for the speedy and immediate passage of such legislation pending before the Councilors of Japan (The Diet of Japan).

Adopted,


PIA S. CAYETANO
Senator