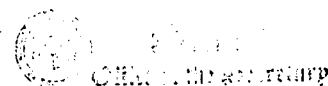


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Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA AND PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE JUAN LUNA BUILDING HOUSING THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES (NAP), WITH THE END GOALS OF FORMULATING MEASURES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARCHIVING AND RECORD-KEEPING IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE RELOCATION OF THE NAP

WHEREAS, in the morning of 28 May 2018, the Juan Luna Building housing the National Archives of the Philippines (NAP) caught fire;

WHEREAS, the NAP was brought to life by RA No. 9470 in 2007 and was established for collecting and the safekeeping of important documents and other primary resources of historical knowledge;

WHEREAS, included in the archives of NAP is at least sixty (60) million documents and records from the Spanish, American and Japanese occupations, the oldest dating back to the 16th Century;

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article 2 of the Constitution states that "the State shall give priority to **education**, science and technology, **arts, culture**, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development";

WHEREAS, Section 24, Article 2 of the Constitution states that "the State recognizes the vital role of communication and **information** in **nation-building**";

WHEREAS, as it is, the issues on and development of archiving and record-keeping of important documents had always taken the backseat of policy-makers and decision-makers;

WHEREAS, in order for the State to be able to comply with its constitutional policies to promote education, arts, culture and the vital role of information in

nation-building, it should give premium to the preservation of its documents and artifacts of utmost historical and cultural importance;

WHEREAS, it is high time that the State, given the advancements in technology and its efforts towards enacting a freedom of information law, look into how archiving and record-keeping could be ensured and improved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge the Senate Committees on Public Information and Mass Media and Public Works to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the destruction of the Juan Luna Building housing the National Archives of the Philippines (NAP), with the end goals of formulating measures for the development of archiving and record-keeping in the Philippines and the relocation of the NAP;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, as it hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to strongly request the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Bureau of Fire (BOF) and the National Archive of the Philippines (NAP) to come up with earliest preliminary report and a full report within thirty (30) days as regards the destruction of the Juan Luna Building due to fire;

Adopted.



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