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SENATE
P.S. Res No. 86

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RESOLUTION
URGING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO IMMEDIATELY SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES AND NATIONAL LANDMARKS WHICH WERE DAMAGED BY THE 7.0 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE WHICH STRUCK NORTHERN LUZON, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THE CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF THEIR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND THE REGENERATION OF AFFECTED JOBS AND LIVELIHOODS

1 WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 15 of the Philippine Constitution
2 mandates that "[t]he State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's
3 historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations";

4 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10066, otherwise known as the "Philippine
5 Cultural Heritage Act" provides for the protection, preservation, and promotion
6 of the nation's cultural heritage;

7 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 4846, or the "Cultural Properties
8 Preservation and Protection Act" mandates the preservation and protection of
9 cultural properties of the country and safeguard their intrinsic historical value;

10 WHEREAS, on July 27, 2022, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the
11 province of Abra affecting nearby provinces thereby causing damages to major
12 infrastructure and facilities;

13 WHEREAS, according to the Department of Tourism (DOT), cultural
14 heritage structures and tourism establishments in some parts of Northern Luzon
15 were not spared from the disastrous impact of the earthquake;

16 WHEREAS, the DOT has recorded sustained damages to tourist
17 destinations including, but not limited to the following:

- 1 1. Sta. Catalina de Alexandria Church;
- 2 2. San Lorenzo Ruiz Shrine;
- 3 3. The Heritage City of Vigan;
- 4 4. Vigan Cathedral;
- 5 5. St. John the Baptist Church;
- 6 6. The Syquia House; and
- 7 7. The Bantay Bell Tower;

8 WHEREAS, these historical edifices serve as constant reminders of an
9 important era in our culture where we are reminded of our diverse and symbolic
10 history;

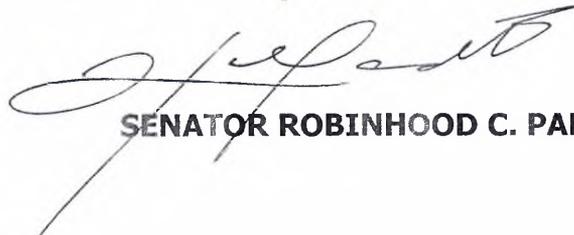
11 WHEREAS, according to the Department of Labor and Employment
12 (DOLE), thousands of individuals in earthquake-hit areas were displaced from
13 their jobs, including those who work in tourism establishments;

14 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the State and concerned government
15 agencies to immediately assist and support the rehabilitation and restoration of
16 cultural landmarks and heritage sites, and help provide assistance to
17 earthquake-stricken individuals: Now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it hereby resolved, To urge the Executive
19 Branch to immediately support the restoration of cultural heritage sites and
20 national landmarks which were damaged by the 7.0 earthquake which struck
21 Northern Luzon, with the end in view of ensuring the conservation and
22 preservation of their historical significance and the regeneration of affected jobs
23 and livelihoods.

Adopted,


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