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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 603



Introduced by: Representatives Evelina G. Escudero, Sandra Y. Eriguel, Estrellita B. Suansing, Juliet Marie D. Ferrer, Mark O. Go, Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., Ron P. Salo, Christopher Vera Perez De Venecia, Julieta R. Cortuna, Bernadette Herrera-Dy and Angelina D.L. Tan

RESOLUTION

URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION TRANSFERRING THE OWNERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT THE RIZAL PARK IN ERMITA, MANILA TO THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 10086 or the “Strengthening People’s Nationalism Through Philippine History Act”, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), then National Historical Institute (NHI), is the primary government agency responsible for history and has the authority to determine all factual matters relating to Philippine History;

WHEREAS, the NHCP does not own the land at the Rizal Park where its office building stands. The land is a public domain, owned by the National Government. The administration of the land was vested in the Commission of Parks and Wild Life on December 19, 1955 by virtue of Proclamation No. 234, which administration was transferred to the Jose Rizal National Centennial Commission on December 30, 1957 by virtue of Proclamation No. 470, and subsequently to the National Parks Development Committee (NPDC) on October 4, 1967 by virtue of Proclamation No. 273.

WHEREAS, on November 20, 1987, as a temporary remedy to its lack of land for its national office in the country’s administrative capital, the NHCP entered into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the NPDC to occupy a portion of Rizal Park on which to construct the NHCP building at a monthly rental of one peso (Php1) for twenty-five (25) years.

WHEREAS, By virtue of an addendum to the NHCP-NPDC MOA, the lease period will end on December 26, 2016.

WHEREAS, the NPDC had manifested that it will no longer extend the lease;

WHEREAS, the NHCP building on the site was constructed in 1994 by the NHCP with its own funds in the amount of Thirty Six Million Pesos (Php36,000,000.00) as well as funds from the Philippine National Bank in the amount of Twelve Million Pesos (Php12,000,000.00);

WHEREAS, the NHCP has caused the survey of the premises covered by the MOA with the NPDC, which survey yields the following technical description of the metes and bounds of the land, that is, it is part of the portion of Lot 1, Block 317, Manila Cadastre (Rizal Park), situated in Zone 101, Temporary Barangay D, City of Manila. The land covers more or less Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Three (3,693) square meters.

WHEREAS, in the national interest, and in recognition of the importance of Philippine history, it is appropriate to transfer to the NHCP the ownership as well as the administration of the land in the Rizal Park, along with all the improvements.

WHEREAS, as an immediate remedy, that the lease period be extended pending action by the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION, URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION TRANSFERRING THE OWNERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT THE RIZAL PARK IN ERMITA, MANILA TO THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Adopted.


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