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RESOLUTION

TO DIRECT THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE REPORTED SALE OF RIZAL MEMORIAL COLISEUM.

WHEREAS, the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, was built in 1934 for the Far Eastern Championship Games, a precursor to the Asian Games, it was destroyed during World War II and reconstructed in 1953 for use in the 1954 Asian Games. In 2011, the complex was renovated and also houses the administrative office of the Philippines Sports Commission and quarters for the Philippine National athletes.

WHEREAS, Republic Act no. 10066, otherwise known as "The National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009" defines. "Sec. 3 (L) CULTURAL HERITAGE shall refer to the totality of cultural property preserved and developed through time and passed on to posterity".

WHEREAS, Section II of R.A. No. 10066 provides that: "No Cultural property shall be sold resold or taken out of the country without first serving a clearance from the cultural agency concerned. xxx "

WHEREAS, Section 48 of RA 10066 also provides that:

"Section 48 Prohibited Acts – to the extent that the offense is not punishable by a higher punishment under another provision of law, violation of this Act be made by whoever intentionally".

"(a). Destroys, demolishes, mutilates or damages any world heritage site, national cultures treasures, important cultural property xxx".

WHEREAS, there were reports that "the group of businessman Enrique Razon has expressed interest for the proposed urban redevelopment and modernization of the Sports complex. The plan is to build up contemporary buildings and commercial structures with modern smart technologies and amenities, as well as more greener open spaces within the property. xxx"(WIKIPEDIA).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to direct the Committee on Basic Education and Culture to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the reported sale of the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

Adopted.



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