

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

**NINETEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1019**



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**Introduced by Hon. Christopher V.P. de Venecia, Hon. Richard I. Gomez DPA, Hon. Angelica Natasha Co, Hon. Marlyn “Len” B. Alonte, Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez, Hon. Maria Vanessa C. Aumentado, Hon. Francisco “Kiko” B. Benitez, Hon. Antonio B. Legarda Jr., Hon. Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Hon. Margarita “Atty. Migs” B. Nograles, Hon. Kristine Singson-Meehan, Hon. Angelo Marcos Barba, Hon. Claudine Diana D. Bautista-Lim, Hon. Rachel Marguerita B. Del Mar, Hon. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Hon. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Hon. Lianda B. Bolilia, Hon. Juan Carlos “Arjo” C. Atayde, Hon. Samuel S. Verzosa Jr., Hon. Jefferson F. Khonghun, Hon. Richelle Singson, Hon. Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, Hon. Maria Rachel J. Arenas, Hon. Dan S. Fernandez, Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers, Hon. Florida “Rida” P. Robes, Hon. Rosanna “Ria” V. Vergara, Hon. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Hon. Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Hon. Lani Mercado-Revilla, Hon. Eduardo Roa Rama Jr., Hon. Amparo Maria Zamora, Hon. Camille A. Villar, Hon. Horacio P. Suansing Jr., Hon. Bienvenido M. Abante Jr., Hon. Jane T. Castro, Hon. Arlene D. Brosas, Hon. Raoul Danniell A. Manuel, Hon. France L. Castro, Hon. Jernie Jett V. Nisay, Hon. Mark O. Go, Hon. Jose Arturo S. Garcia Jr.**

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#### **A RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT FIRE INCIDENT AT THE MANILA CENTRAL POST OFFICE, CONSIDERING ITS SIGNIFICANCE AS AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Manila Central Post Office, a declared National Cultural Treasure and a heritage site recognized by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines and the National Commission on Culture and the Arts, stands as an iconic architectural masterpiece and a symbol of our nation's history and identity;

**WHEREAS**, designed by Filipino architects Juan Arellano and Tomas Mapua, the Manila Central Post Office which is neo-classical had been destroyed during World War II and was eventually restored in 1946. It holds significant historical value, having served as the main postal hub during the Second World War;<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> de la Torre, Visitacion (1981). *Landmarks of Manila: 1571-1930*. Makati: Filipinas Foundation, Inc. p. 13.

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, the Manila Central Post Office building was declared as an Important Cultural Property by the National Museum;

**WHEREAS**, in the early morning on May 22, 2023, a devastating fire broke out at the Manila Central Post Office, causing extensive damage to its historic structure, architectural elements and invaluable cultural artifacts;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the preservation, restoration, and protection of our heritage sites are of utmost importance, as they contribute to the promotion of cultural tourism, the enhancement of national pride, and the transmission of our history to future generations;

**WHEREAS**, it is thus crucial to investigate the causes of the fire, to assess the response mechanisms employed, and to evaluate the effectiveness of existing safeguards and preventive measures to prevent similar incidents in the future, specifically within the context of a heritage site such as the Manila Central Post Office;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives, through the appropriate committee, is urged to conduct a thorough investigation in aid of legislation on the recent fire incident at the Manila Central Post Office, considering its significance as a heritage site, with the end view of addressing the government’s intervention and mandates, as well as maximizing the government’s effort in protecting, preserving, and safeguarding our heritage sites.

*Adopted,*

**HON. CHRISTOPHER V.P. DE VENECIA**

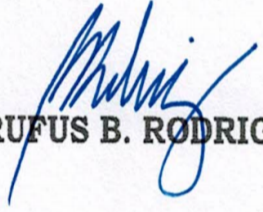
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**HON. MARLYN “LEN” B. ALONTE**

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<sup>2</sup> <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1772396/fire-hits-manila-post-office>



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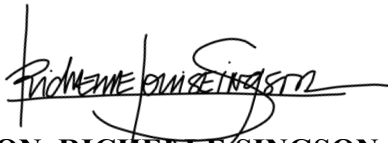
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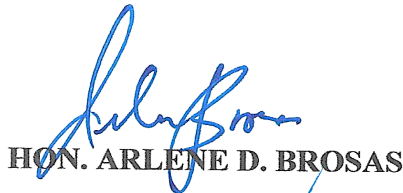
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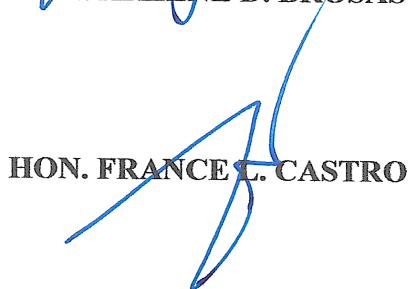
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