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RESOLUTION No. 20

RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS TO CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH (150<sup>TH</sup>) BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL

WHEREAS, Dr. Jose P. Rizal was born on June 19, 1861, in the town of Calamba, Laguna. He was the seventh child in a family of eleven children. His parents were Francisco Mercado Rizal, who was a farmer and Teodora Alonzo y Quintos;

WHEREAS, Dr. Rizal is considered as the national hero of the Philippines because of his numerous and excellent contributions in the fields of science, literary and arts. During the Philippine Revolution in 1896, his detractors accused him of frivolous charges and after a sham trial, he was convicted

of rebellion, sedition and of forming illegal association. On December 30, 1896, Dr. Rizal, a Filipino hero of thirty five (35) years of age and an epitome that the Filipino race has the capacity to excel, was shot at Bagumbayan;

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1956, the parliament in Manila passed Republic Act No. 1425 which prescribes the entire works of Dr. Rizal as teaching material in all private and public schools and universities. This includes the teaching of the life, works and writings of Dr. Rizal for all schools, colleges and universities;

WHEREAS, the National Historical Institute's (NHI) vision is to have "A Filipino society with citizens informed of their history, who love their country and proud of their cultural heritage." It aims to inculcate awareness and appreciation of the noble deeds and ideals of our heroes and other illustrious Filipinos, to instill pride in the Filipino race and to rekindle the Filipino spirit through the lessons of history;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 260 and P.D. 1505, the NHI is mandated to undertake research and publication of Philippine historical works; educational activities on historical events and personages; restoration, preservation and conservation of movable and immovable objects of historical value and implementation of the National Historic Act of the Philippines (PD 260 and PD 1505);

WHEREAS, according to Dr. Rizal, the philosophy of education centers on the proper motivation in order to bolster the great social forces that make education a success, to create in the youth an innate desire to cultivate his intelligence and give him life eternal;

WHEREAS, to honor the life of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, the National Historical Institute and the Department of Education should work and coordinate closely with each other in order to plan and make the necessary preparations for the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Dr. Rizal on June 19, 2011. His birth anniversary is very timely to remind the Filipinos, specially the youth, of the guiding political philosophies of Dr. Rizal which proved to be the study and application of reforms, extension of human rights, training for self-government and the arousing of spirit of discontent over oppression, brutality and inhumanity: Now, therefore, be it

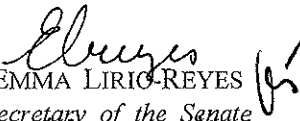
*Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, as it is hereby resolved, To urge the National Historical Institute and the Department of Education to undertake the necessary preparations to celebrate the One hundred fiftieth (150<sup>th</sup>) birth anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal.*

Adopted,



JEAN PONCE ENRILE  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 15, 2010.



EMMA LIRIO-REYES  
*Secretary of the Senate*