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P.S. Res. No. 246

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MANNY VILLAR

RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CONDITIONS OF GOLDEN ACRES PHILIPPINES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING THE INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS THEREOF AND OTHER SOCIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

WHEREAS, Section 11 Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution states that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers";

WHEREAS, Golden Acres is home for old people who are 60 years of age and above. These old people who sought refuge at Golden Acres were usually those who are neglected, abandoned, or have no family at all and in need of shelter, caring and food;

WHEREAS, Golden Acres is about 1.6 hectare property with five (5) cottages that can accommodate at least 180 persons located in Bago Bantay, Quezon City. It was established as a project of the former First Lady Imelda Marcos about forty (40) years ago, and funded by the national government;

WHEREAS, despite the meager resources of the institution, it provides not only food and medicines to clients, it also allows them to involve in social, recreational and spiritual activities;

WHEREAS, with its laudable cause, Golden Acres and other social charitable institutions which caters to the underprivileged, sick, disabled, women and children, need more resources for their well-being;

RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge the Senate Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development and Finance to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the conditions of Golden Acres Philippines with the end in view of recommending the increase in appropriations thereof and other social charitable institutions.

Adopted,

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MANNY VILLAR