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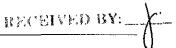
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SENATE P. S. R. No. _____**1312**



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	Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
1 2 3 4	RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT 47 IRAYA MANGYAN TRIBES WILL BE DISPLACED DUE TO THE PROPOSED LANDFILL PROJECT IN PUERTO GALERA
5	WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 provides: "The State shall protect and
6	promote the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm
7	and harmony of nature";
8	WHEREAS, Republic Act 8371, also known as the "The Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act
9 10	of 1997", Section 2, paragraph b states: "The State shall protect the rights of ICCs/IPs to their
11	ancestral domains to ensure their economic, social and cultural well being and shall recognize the applicability of customary laws governing property rights or relations in determining the
12	ownership and extent of ancestral domain";
13	WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 600, Section 2 states: "It is hereby declared a
14	national policy to prevent and control the pollution of seas by the dumping of wastes and other
15	matter which create hazards to human health, harm living resources, and marine life; damage
16	amenities; or interfere with the legitimate uses of the sea within the territorial jurisdiction of the
17	Philippines";
18	WHEREAS, various news reports on 17 April 2015 said that about 47 Iraya Mangyan
19	tribes will be evicted from their ancestral lands because of the \$\frac{1}{2}\$66-million Puerto Galera dump
20	project;
21	WHEREAS, the tribe claimed that the proposed Categorized Waste Disposal
22	Facility/Sanitary Landfill Project will displace them and contaminate the purity of the nearby

23 source of springwater flowing into the Tamaraw Falls;

WHEREAS, according to the Mangyan leader, the proposed dump project will adversely affect their livelihood derived from agriculture, the Tamaraw Falls, the community, and their two-year old two-classroom school buildings where 50 Mangyan children use for their elementary education;

1	WHEREAS, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Provincial Officer
2	Karen Ignacio reportedly gave the Mangyans until the end of the month to sign the resolution
3	agreeing to relocate to another area, far from the proposed municipal dump and landfill project,
4	WHEREAS, it was alleged that the municipal resolution that the Iraya Mangyans refused
5	to sign says they endorse the sanitary landfill and waste disposal project and they agree to a
6	relocation site far from their village;
7	WHEREAS, the Mangyan leader noted that the NCIP must respect and honor R.A. No.
8	8371 that recognizes their ancestral land rights;
9	WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, should protect the rights of the
10	indigenous peoples in order to ensure their
11	WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
12	the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that 47
13	Iraya Mangyan tribes will be displaced due to the proposed landfill project in Puerto Galera.
	Adopted,

MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO