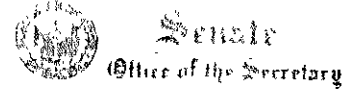


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE REPORT THAT URBANIZATION IS THREATENING  
THE IFUGAO RICE TERRACES

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 14, Section 16, provides: "All the country's artistic  
2 and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection  
3 of the State which may regulate its disposition";

4 WHEREAS, R.A. No. 10066, also known as the "National Cultural Heritage Act of  
5 2009," Section 2, states:

6 In the pursuit of cultural preservation as a strategy for maintaining Filipino  
7 identity, this Act shall pursue the following objectives:

8 (a) Protect, preserve, conserve and promote the nation's cultural heritage,  
9 its property and histories, and the ethnicity of local communities;

10 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 1 June 2015 reported that rapid  
11 urbanization continues to threaten the Ifugao rice terraces in the Cordillera ranges;

12 WHEREAS, the *Inquirer* quoted Edison Molanida, World Heritage sites manager for the  
13 National Commission for Culture and the Arts, who said that one of the main threats in the  
14 Ifugao rice terraces is the unmanaged development in the area;

15 WHEREAS, multistory buildings made of cheap concrete, polluting diesel vehicles, and  
16 ramshackle tin-roofed shanties are now rampant in the area;

17 WHEREAS, in Mayoyao village, local officials reportedly said that giant Indonesian  
18 earthworms that are causing major damage to the structures of the terraces, causing some to  
19 collapse, and snails originally bought in as a food for protein are the biggest danger to the  
20 terraces;

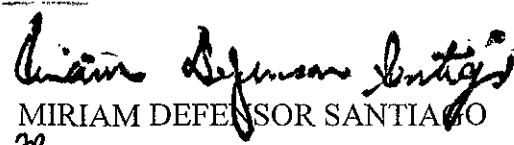
21 WHEREAS, television and the Internet are also allegedly eroding rice growing traditions,  
22 which are vital in maintaining the integrity of the terraces;

23 WHEREAS, the government must ensure that urbanization will have minimal impact on  
24 the Ifugao rice terraces as well as other national cultural treasures;

1           WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with the Department of Tourism, the National  
2 Commission on Culture and the Arts, and other concerned agencies, must intensify existing  
3 legislation to protect and preserve the Ifugao rice terraces;

4           WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
5 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that  
6 urbanization is threatening the Ifugao rice terraces.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
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