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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT 9147 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT DEATH OF THE PHILIPPINE EAGLE "PAMANA" WHICH WAS SHOT INSIDE A PROTECTED AREA TWO MONTHS AFTER IT WAS RELEASED INTO THE WILD

WHEREAS, Philippine eagle "Pamana" was found rotting dead on 16 August 2015 a kilometer off Sitio Tomalite, Barangay La Union, San Isidro, Davao Oriental, the same site where it was freed on June 12, Independence Day;

WHEREAS, Pamana was shot inside a protected area and initial investigations reveal that it sustained a gunshot wound on its right breast;

WHEREAS, in October 2013, Philippine eagle "Minalwang" was also shot dead two months after it was released into the wild;


WHEREAS, Republic Act 9147 provides penalties of up to Php1 million and jail sentences of up to 12 years for those found guilty of killing a Philippine eagle;

WHEREAS, Pamana is just one of 400 of our national birds that are fighting for their survival in the wild, while 36 are in the care of the Philippine Eagle Foundation in Davao City, 18 of which were bred in captivity;

WHEREAS, there is a need for stricter implementation of Republic Act 9147 and propose possible remedial legislation to protect our wildlife;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines directs the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and other appropriate Senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of Republic Act 9147 otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act in light of the recent death of the Philippine Eagle "Pamana" which was shot inside a protected area two months after it was released into the wild.

Adopted,


SEN. MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID