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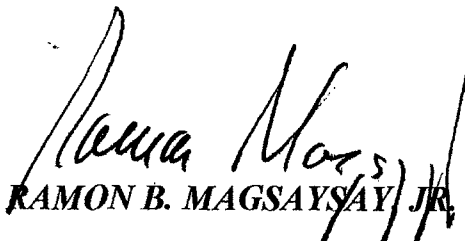
This bill seeks to establish a Philippine Library of Congress to be fittingly referred to as the JOSE RIZAL LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, which would be constituted by a wide array of literature linking us to the past while gluing us to the present. It would include not only statute books or accounts of Congressional proceedings of all our forms of governance, but would cover a comprehensive collection of historical and judicial documents, case laws, jurisprudence, research materials in many formats, books and pamphlets on every subject in various dialects and languages, maps, encyclopedias, photographs, motion pictures, video Sound and audio recordings and all other readings universal in scope covering art, science, history, technology, entertainment and the like.

Having observed the centennial of our independence in 1998, it would be opportune and fitting for us to consolidate the events of our history and preserve them for posterity. This can only be achieved by the establishment of a library which will serve not only as a testimony of our Stimulus to the questioning minds of our people who would like to be connected to the past and be attuned to the present. Such a need would be answered by a library which provides continuing stimulus to the intellect.

In this era of globalization and competition, there is a compelling need to provide easy access to our people who need to update their knowledge, information and training to make them more productive and competitive. This need can be answered by a library established by government with philanthropic support in the form of grants, donations and bequests.

It is time that attention be given to our libraries for not only would a library serve to catalyze and update knowledge, but serves as an enduring institution into intellectual empowerment.

Approval of this bill is therefor earnestly recommended.

  
RAMON B. MAGSAYSAY, JR.

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO BE KNOWN AS**  
**THE "JOSE RIZAL LIBRARY OF CONGRESS", AND APPROPRIATING**  
**FUNDS THEREFORE.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1. Title.** This Act shall be known as the "**Jose Rizal Library of Congress Act of 2004**".

**SEC. 2. Establishment of the Philippine Library of Congress.** – The Philippine Library of Congress is hereby established to serve both House of the Congress of the Philippines including the entire governmental establishment and the public at large.

**SEC. 3. Role of the Philippine Library of Congress.** - The Philippine Library of Congress shall in addition to the selection of statutes, legislature enactments, journals of Congressional proceedings, Constitutional deliberations and historical accounts of Philippine governance, publications and other relevant references materials, judicial or court reports, provide extensive collections universal in scope which shall include books, serials and pamphlets on every Subject and in a multitude of different dialects and languages, and research materials in many formats, including encyclopedias, dictionaries, maps, photographs, manuscripts, motion pictures, videos, sounds and audio recordings, publications, jurisprudential reports, case laws, historical, contemporary accounts of other Countries and Of universal or international forums or organizations.

**SEC. 4. Creation of an Oversight Committee.** - A Congressional Oversight Committee, to be known as the Joint Committee on the Philippine Library of Congress is hereby created to plan for the constitution of the library created by this Act and the organization and the management thereof. It shall be composed of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, the Secretary of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, and the Secretary of Budget and Management.

**SEC. 5. Period of Implementation.** - The plan of implementation shall cover a period of one (1) year from the approval of this Act.

**SEC. 6. Public Funding and Private Philanthropic Support.** – The Philippine Library of Congress shall be authorized to receive and accept gifts, donations, bequests and transfers of property, money, or books for the use and benefit of said Philippine library.

**SEC. 7. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law

**SEC. 8. *Submission to Congress.*** - Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, and at the end of every calendar year thereafter, the Librarians of both House of Congress shall jointly submit progress reports to each House of Congress on the implementation of this Act.

**SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Joint committee created under this Act shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations.

**SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** - All Acts, presidential decrees, executive orders and issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provisions of this Act is declared unconstitutional or inoperative, the other provisions not so declared shall remain.

**SEC. 12. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in newspaper of general circulation.

**Approved,**