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Introduced by **SENATOR COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO**

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO INQUIRE WITH THE HOUSE OF COUNCILORS OF JAPAN (THE DIET OF JAPAN) THE STATUS OF THE LEGISLATION PROMOTING THE RESOLUTION OF ISSUES CONCERNING VICTIMS OF WARTIME SEXUAL COERCION

Whereas, a bill entitled "Promotion of Resolution for Issues concerning Victims of Wartime Sexual Coercion Act" was presented before the House of Councilors of Japan last 31 January 2003 and 9 June 2004;

Whereas, there are over a hundred Filipinas who have been victims of wartime sexual coercion;

Whereas, more than half a century has already passed since dastardly sexual acts were carried out against these victims;

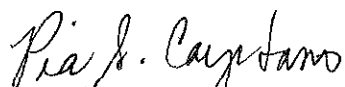
Whereas, due to the delay in the resolution of the issues, some of these victims have already passed away without receiving any apologies from the Japanese government and worse, devoid of any monetary payment for the trauma suffered by them and their families;

Whereas, consequently, there is a pressing need to address the violation of the honor and dignity of the victims of wartime sexual coercion and implement the necessary measures to restore their dignity and honor;

Whereas, there are steps taken by the Democratic Party of Japan, the Japanese Communist Party, the Social Democratic Party and the Independent Senators of the House of Councilors of Japan to address the said issue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Secretary of Foreign Affairs to exert utmost efforts to push for the speedy and immediate passage of legislation pending before the Councilors of Japan (The Diet of Japan) regarding the resolution of issues concerning victims of wartime sexual coercion.

Adopted,


COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO
Senator