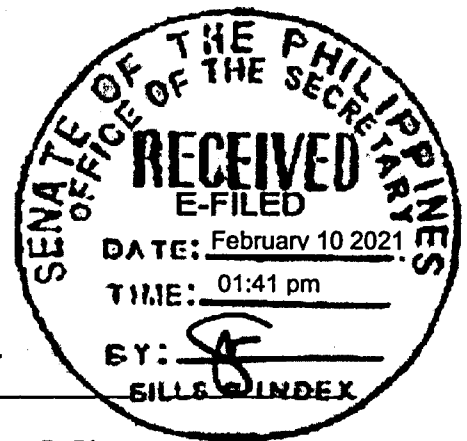


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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ISSUE OF COUNTERFEIT GARMENTS APPROPRIATING WEAVE PATTERNS OF FILIPINO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND COMMUNITIES ENTERING THE COUNTRY

1 WHEREAS, Section 16, Article XIV of the Philippine Constitution provides that
2 all the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the
3 nation and shall be under the protection of the State which may regulate its
4 disposition;

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6 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8371, otherwise known as the Indigenous Peoples'
7 Rights Act of 1997, provides that the State shall recognize and promote all rights of
8 Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) within the framework
9 of national unity and development;

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11 WHEREAS, the Philippines has a long and storied history of weaving, spanning
12 centuries of tradition across different indigenous cultures;

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14 WHEREAS, weaving is a vital way for many ICCs/IPs to practice and embody
15 who they are and what they believe;

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17 WHEREAS, an article from the Philippine Daily Inquirer, dated January 29, 2021,
18 reported that counterfeit Cordillera-woven blankets and garments coming from China
19 have flooded local markets, prompting native weavers to demand government
20 protection for their indigenous craft;

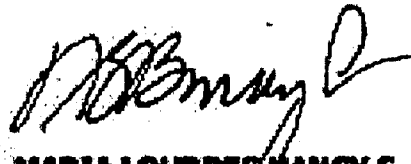
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22 WHEREAS, according to Virginia Doligas, manager of Eastern Weaving Room
23 Inc., many of the fake products are machine-made replicas made of conventional
24 textiles and are inferior to the genuine fabrics. The counterfeits were being sold
25 cheaply and had deceived many customers. Small business owners selling locally
26 woven fabrics have been affected;

1 WHEREAS, the Cordillera weavers are seeking help and protection from the
2 government to prevent the entry of counterfeit products into the local market as they
3 would result to irreversible damage that is greater than the devastation wrought by
4 the pandemic on the weaving industry;

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6 WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Senate to inquire into this matter to protect,
7 by policy or by law, the traditional property rights and livelihood of our ICCs/IPs
8 against counterfeit products coming from abroad that are affecting locally woven
9 fabrics;

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11 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate
12 Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the issue of counterfeit
13 garments appropriating weave patterns of Filipino indigenous peoples and
14 communities entering the country.

Adopted,



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