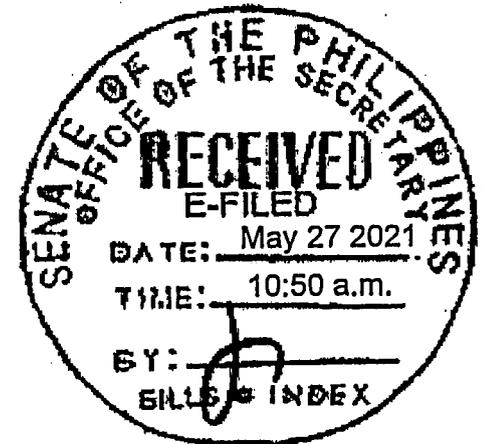


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**A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT A JOINT
INQUIRY ON THE STATUS OF THE OVERALL MARAWI RECONSTRUCTION AND
REHABILITATION, THE REINFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND
RESOLUTION OF LAND ISSUES THEREAT, AND THE UTILIZATION OF ALL
DISBURSED LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL FUNDS THEREFOR, ALL IN AID OF
LEGISLATION**

WHEREAS, May 23, 2021 sadly marks the fourth year anniversary of the 5-month Marawi siege when the Islamic State-linked *Maute* group attacked and occupied the historic and capital City of Marawi, affecting 98% of Marawi's population of nearly 200,000, including nearby municipalities, according to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). As of September 2020, UNHCR reports that 25, 367 families are displaced due to Marawi siege;

WHEREAS, the Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM), created pursuant to Administrative Orders No. 3 and No, 9 to spearhead the recovery, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of Marawi City, is an embodiment of the government's commitment to rebuild and develop the lives of the Maranao people;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Special Committee on Marawi reports that issues on property ownership poses a "paramount challenge in the implementation of rehabilitation efforts." TFBM affirms this saying more than 50 percent of property owners in the 24 most affected barangays do not have registered titles;

WHEREAS, it is lamentably reported that the effects of the disruption of lives and livelihoods continue to be significantly felt to the present, and the commercial and traditional businesses have not fully recovered since then;

WHEREAS, there may be a need for an improved build up, further strengthening and reinforcement of public works in the City in order to support and enhance the revitalized efforts to finally complete the reconstruction of Marawi City;

WHEREAS, a Land Dispute Resolution Committee (LDRC) was created pursuant to Memorandum Circulars 38 and 40 issued by Secretary Eduardo del Rosario, chairperson of the TFBM. LDRC is mandated to settle land-related disputes and issues between private owners which are delaying the immediate rehabilitation and recovery of Marawi City, especially the Most Affected Area (MAA). LDRC approved its Implementing Guidelines and Rules of Procedure last March 2021 and the Committee is expected to work abreast with all groups intending to rebuild the City, the lives of its public, the workings of its businesses, and the support of its public infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Marawi Reconstruction Conflict Watch (MRCW) in a statement last October 17, 2020 stated, "It has been three years since the government declared our city liberated, but there is no real liberation to speak of. Most of us have not been allowed to return to our homes and rebuild our lives. Thousands of us remain in shelters and housing projects in dire conditions, with sanitation and the supply of basic utilities wanting."

WHEREAS, there has been no compensation for the loss and damages to personal properties. Compensation for Marawi siege victims is important and urgent as it is the State's moral and legal obligation to provide or at least contribute concrete solutions to their problems;

WHEREAS, it is important for Congress to determine why four years after the Marawi siege, despite the 55-60% accomplishment reported status of the TFBM as of April 2021 and the approaching December 2021 deadline, thousands remain in dire conditions in temporary shelters, not to mention their added vulnerability to COVID-19 and the effects of lockdown measures;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for Congress to have a complete, systematic, focused and regular review of the Marawi reconstruction and rehabilitation status, public works strengthening, resolution of land issues, and funds utilization, and make sure that four years after the siege, the Maranao people are able to rebuild their lives and return back home, as soon as possible;

WHEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct a joint inquiry on the status of the overall Marawi reconstruction and rehabilitation, the reinforcement of public works and resolution of land issues thereat, and the utilization of all disbursed local and international funds therefor, all in aid of legislation.

Adopted,



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