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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SUCCESS OF THE LABO PROGRESSIVE MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE, OPERATING IN THE BICOL REGION, IN COMING UP WITH NEW GOODS OUT OF PINEAPPLE AND BEING ABLE TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THEREFOR AND CONDUCT A STUDY ON HOW THE VENTURE CAN BE REPLICATED IN OTHER PROVINCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 23 provides, "The State shall encourage non-governmental, community-based, or sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the nation";

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 12, Section 1 provides, "The goals of the national economy are a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income and wealth; a sustained increase in the amount of goods and services produced by the nation for the benefit of the people; and an expanding productivity as the key to raising the quality of life for all, especially the underprivileged xxx";

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* in its article dated 22 February 2009 reported that a cooperative in the Bicol region, the Labo Progressive Multipurpose Cooperative has ventured into pineapple leaves processing, which has made it the biggest producer of handloom fabrics, brushed fibers for textile production and novelty items in Bicol;

WHEREAS, the venture has provided direct and indirect labor and employment to women, farming families, and jail inmates in Camarines Norte;

WHEREAS, such ventures are greatly beneficial and much needed in these times of economic downturn;

WHEREAS, these ventures may be applied to other provinces with regard to their domestic product;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the success of Labo Progressive Multipurpose Cooperative, operating in the Bicol Region, in coming up with new goods out of pineapple and being able to create employment opportunities therefor and conduct a study on how the venture can be replicated in other provinces of the Philippines.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO