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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
CREATING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A NATIONAL
COMPETITION FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF A NEW SENATE BUILDING

WHEREAS, from 1926 until 1945, the Philippine Legislature composed of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines occupied the Old Congress Building in P. Burgos St., Manila; the Senate occupied the upper floors while the House occupied the lower portion;

WHEREAS, the war-damaged legislative building was reconstructed in 1950, and the fourth floor was used by the Senate for its plenary sessions until the Senate transferred to the Government Services Insurance System (GSIS) Complex in Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City last May 1997;

WHEREAS, since then, the Senate has been renting the building from the GSIS; at present, the Senate is paying the GSIS Php7.7 million pesos every month as rent;

WHEREAS, it would be cost-efficient for the Senate to construct its own building like what the House of Representatives did;

WHEREAS, the new Senate building should be able to accommodate the offices of 24 senators and their staff, as well as 36 permanent committees, five Oversight committees, and the Senate Secretariat;

WHEREAS, the vast talent of the Filipino in architecture must be harnessed in order to design a new Senate building that is eco-friendly, sustainable, and representative of the Filipino heritage and spirit;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to create an ad hoc committee to conduct a national competition for the architectural design of a new Senate building.

Adopted,

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Miriam Defensor Santiago
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