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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 ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY THE CORREGIDOR FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE HISTORICAL CINE CORREGIDOR COMPLEX ON CORREGIDOR ISLAND AS REPORTED BY THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article XI, Section 1 states: "Public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must, at all times, be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency; act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives";

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 27 states that "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption";

WHEREAS, a news item published by the *Manila Bulletin* last 24 August 2013 reported that the Commission on Audit (COA) disclosed a multi-million peso project for the conservation of the historical Cine Corregidor Complex on Corregidor Island tainted with irregularities;

WHEREAS, based on the audit examination of 2012 expenditures of the Corregidor Foundation, Inc. (CFI), the COA report said the implementation of the project financed through P18.96 million in government funds failed to comply with several provision of Republic Act. No. 9184, or the Government Procurement Act;

WHEREAS, it was reported that aside from the failure of the CFI to submit to the COA the copies of the contract and other documents, a detailed engineering of the project was also not provided by the foundation;

WHEREAS, it was also reported that a detailed estimate of the variation order that was decided upon by the CFI that was submitted on June 5, 2012, or a day after the project implementation was started by Christian Ian construction Corporation;

WHEREAS, the COA report said that there should be a complete detailed engineering carried out for the said project, so that the cost of the project or bid amount offered by the bidders would have been lower, and therefore realize additional savings by the said foundation;

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 alleged irregularities in the use of public funds by the Corregidor Foundation, Inc. for the conservation of the historical Cine Corregidor Complex on Corregidor Island as reported by the Commission on Audit.

Adopted,

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