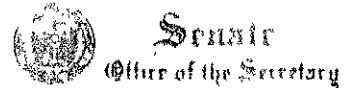


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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE NATIONAL MUSEUM AND SUCH OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES IN RECOVERING ITS STOLEN AND MISSING ART PIECES.**

**WHEREAS**, the National Museum, which was established in 1901, is the official repository and custodian of artifacts representing the country's heritage;

**WHEREAS**, as stated in Section 7.1 of Republic Act 8492, otherwise known as the National Museum Act of 1998, the National Museum is to "acquire, document, collect, preserve, maintain, administer, and exhibit to the public, cultural materials, objects of art, archaeological artifacts, eco-facts, relics, and other materials embodying the cultural and natural heritage of the Filipino nation";

**WHEREAS**, stressing that these art pieces embody the threads of our artistic legacy, distinguished art luminaries expressed the need to safeguard Philippine art particularly against loss and theft;

**WHEREAS**, no less than the daughter of the renowned National Artist Fernando Amorsolo, expressed her utmost regret that some of the art pieces and mementos belonging to the National Artist that were donated to the State and placed in the custody of the National Museum are missing or cannot be located;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to investigate this matter to identify the cause and incidence of art loss or theft of pieces in the custody of the National Museum with the end goal of instituting measures and policies that will preserve and protect these national treasures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, That the Philippine Senate directs the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the efforts being undertaken by the National Museum and such other concerned agencies in recovering its stolen and missing art pieces.

**Adopted,**

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator *MLK*