



SENATE

P. S. Res. No. 29

'19 JUL 24 P 4 :04

Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF MARAWI RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION AND THE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT MARAWI RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE SIEGE WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM

1 WHEREAS, on May 23, 2017, the Islamic State-linked Maute Group launched its
2 attack and occupied residential and commercial establishments in Marawi City;

3 WHEREAS, in response to the attacks made by the Maute Group, the government
4 responded with military operations to hunt down the perpetrators which resulted to an
5 armed conflict and consequent displacement of Marawi City residents;

6 WHEREAS, after 148 days of armed conflict, Marawi City was liberated on
7 October 17, 2017;

8 WHEREAS, national government agencies concerned as well as international
9 humanitarian organizations reported that the Marawi City siege resulted in massive
10 destruction of public and private properties, left almost a hundred deaths and over a
11 thousand casualties, and displaced around 77,900 families or 367,990 individuals;

12 WHEREAS, the national government through various implementing agencies
13 quickly acted to implement a Marawi City Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Program
14 with funding allocation included in the 2018 General Appropriations Act;

15 WHEREAS, donations in cash and in kind also came in from various private
16 organizations and individuals;

17 WHEREAS, two years after the siege, the Commission on Audit (COA) noted the
18 "poor utilization" of funds donated for the Marawi City siege victims that defeated the
19 purpose of donation and not fully serving the good intention of the donors for human
20 consideration;

1 WHEREAS, the COA also noted that funds intended for the Marawi City
2 rehabilitation were released and utilized to sponsor the *Hajj* expenses of select
3 individuals;

4 WHEREAS, based on a report of Mindanao-based website, MindaNews, there are
5 still a number of displaced families and individuals who are living in squalid evacuation
6 centers or transitional shelters while others are still staying in relative's homes outside
7 the ground zero;


8 WHEREAS, the slow progress in rehabilitation and prolonged displacement
9 continue to lead to loss of economic opportunities as well as physical, emotional and
10 psychological distress of the Marawi City siege victims;

11 WHEREAS, it is imperative for Congress to determine the status of Marawi City
12 rehabilitation to ascertain the cause of the seeming slow progress in its implementation;

13 WHEREAS, it is also important for Congress to call the attention of the national
14 government agencies and stakeholders concerned to look into possible remedial
15 measures to expedite the rehabilitation of Marawi City in order to enable the displaced
16 families and individuals to reclaim their homes and immediately live their normal lives at
17 the soonest possible time: Now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To direct the appropriate
19 Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the status of Marawi
20 City rehabilitation and the utilization of funds for the purpose, with the end in view of
21 ensuring that Marawi residents affected by the siege will benefit from the program.

Adopted,



RALPH G. RECTO

//mksbc