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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9147 OR AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND THEIR HABITATS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, PARTICULARLY INTO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BOTANICAL GARDENS IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INTRODUCING REMEDIAL MEASURES TO PROMOTE THEIR CREATION IN AN EFFORT TO CONSERVE THE COUNTRY'S WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND THEIR HABITATS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, in July 2001, Republic Act No. 9147 otherwise known as An act Providing for the Conservation and Protection of Wildlife Resources and their Habitats, Appropriating Funds therefor and for other purposes, was enacted;

WHEREAS, this law declares it to be the policy of the State to conserve the country's wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainability. And in the pursuit of this policy, such law have the following objectives: (a) to conserve and protect wildlife species and their habitats to promote ecological balance and enhance biological diversity; (b) to regulate the collection and trade of wildlife; (c) to pursue, with due regard to the national interest, the Philippine commitment to international conventions, protection of wildlife and their habitats; and (d) to initiate or support scientific studies on the conservation of biological diversity;

WHEREAS, in its Implementing Rules and Regulations, "botanical garden" refers to an establishment where a collection of wild flora is maintained for recreational, educational, research, conservation or scientific purposes;

WHEREAS, under this law, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall have jurisdiction over all terrestrial plant and animal species, all turtles and tortoises and wetland species, including but not limited to crocodiles, water birds and all amphibians and dugong while the Department of Agriculture (DA) shall have jurisdiction over all declared aquatic critical habitats, all aquatic resources

including but not limited to all fishes, aquatic plants, invertebrates and all marine mammals, except dugong;

WHEREAS, Section 36 of the same law provides that the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of botanical gardens, zoological parks and other similar establishments for recreation, education and conservation.

WHEREAS, despite the enactment of the said law, there is a lack in the efforts of the government to promote the establishment of botanical gardens in the country;

WHEREAS, in view of the growing number of endangered species in the Philippines, botanical gardens can contribute greatly to efforts towards the proliferation and preservation of endangered species;

WHEREAS, there is a need to urge implementing agencies to fully utilize the potential of botanical gardens as mandated by law in the efforts to conserve the country's wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainability;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the implementation of Republic Act No. 9147 or an Act Providing for the Conservation and Protection of Wildlife Resources and their Habitats, Appropriating Funds Therefor and For Other Purposes, particularly into the Establishment of Botanical Gardens in the country, with the end in view of introducing remedial measures to promote their creation in an effort to conserve the country's wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainability.

Adopted,


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Senator