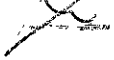


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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATE OF PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT ON THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF PHILIPPINE EAGLE (*PITHECOPHAGA JEFFERYI*), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP SAVE THE NATIONAL BIRD

WHEREAS, Article II Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution states that "The state shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, in 1995, President Fidel V. Ramos issued Proclamation No. 165 declaring the Philippine Eagle as the National Bird whose uniqueness, strength, power and love for freedom, exemplifies the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, The Philippine Eagle *Pithecophaga jefferyi* is the largest and most endangered eagle in the world. It is endemic or unique to our country and can only be found in Sierra Madre in Luzon, Samar, Leyte and Mindanao;

WHEREAS, The Philippine Eagle is ecologically important to people and its conservation contributes to sustainable development and improves the quality of human life by maintaining biological diversity and environmental health¹;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Eagle Center in Davao City is home to 36 Philippine Eagles;

WHEREAS, one of the programs of the Philippine Eagles Foundation, a non-governmental organization based in Davao City, is the adoption of an eagle to provide for its food, veterinary care and maintenance;

WHEREAS, at least twenty (20) eagles are up for adoption at the Philippine Eagles Center, five (5) of which are captive-bred and fifteen (15) came from the wild;

WHEREAS, under the afore-mentioned presidential proclamation, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is directed to secure the viability of the existing Philippine Eagle population;

RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the state of program and efforts of the government on the conservation and protection of Philippine Eagles, with the end in view of strengthening the public-private sector partnerships to help save Philippine Eagles.

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR

1 Philippine Eagle Foundation