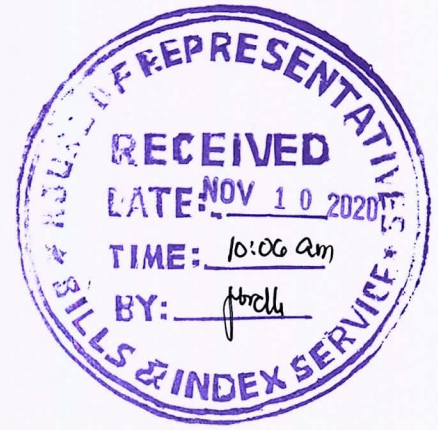


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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1342



Introduced by Honorable Representatives
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CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE, EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT and FERDINAND R. GAITE (Bayan Muna);
FRANCE L. CASTRO (ACT Teachers); and SARAH JANE I. ELAGO (Kabataan)

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TO OPPOSE THE PLANNED SALE OF THE FOUR PHILIPPINE PROPERTIES IN JAPAN AND TO
PRESERVE THE HISTORICAL AND SYMBOLIC VALUE OF THE SAID WAR REPARATION ASSETS**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government has acquired four lots in Japan through the 1956 Reparations Agreement, such lots more specifically identified as: 1) Roppongi property in Minato-ku, Tokyo 2) Nampeidai property in Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 3) Naniwa-cho property in Chuo-ku, Kobe City and 4) Obanoyama-cho property in Shinohara, Nada-ku, Kobe;

WHEREAS, such properties carry significant historical and symbolic value to Filipinos and especially to war veterans who fought against the Japanese occupation and their atrocities;

WHEREAS, previous regimes since the Cory Aquino administration have attempted but failed to sell these properties as part of the neoliberal push to privatize and dispose government assets for short-term gains;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court ruled on July 25, 1990 that the properties in question are of public dominion in character. The high court said: "Whether or not the Roppongi and related properties will eventually be sold is a policy determination where both the President and Congress must concur. Considering the properties' importance and value, the laws on conversion and disposition of property of public dominion must be faithfully followed;

WHEREAS, there are fresh attempts to enact a law that will authorize the sale or disposition of the four war reparation assets in Japan, supposedly to generate funds for the payment of pensions and other benefits of Filipino war veterans;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo R. Duterte said in a September 2020 press conference that he is backing the proposal to sell the properties in Japan supposedly to raise money amid the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the national government can source adequate funds for the pension and other benefits of Filipino war veterans without resorting to the sale of the historically significant war reparation assets in Japan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives oppose all moves to sell all of the four Philippine Properties in Japan and to preserve the historical and symbolic value of the said war reparation assets.

Adopted,


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