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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

Introduced by Representative WALFREDO R. DIMAGUILA, JR.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF ALL FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS ALONG LAGUNA LAKE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS A NEED TO PROPOSE A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN TO PREVENT FLOODING AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY, AND TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF DREDGING THE LAKE TO INCREASE ITS HOLDING CAPACITY

WHEREAS, flooding remains a recurring and worsening problem in communities surrounding Laguna Lake, particularly during the rainy season and extreme weather events;

WHEREAS, Laguna Lake is one of the most important inland bodies of water in the country, serving multiple purposes such as water supply, fisheries, transportation, and flood control;

WHEREAS, numerous flood control projects have been implemented in and around the Laguna Lake region over the years by various government agencies, yet the area continues to experience persistent flooding and deteriorating water quality;

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to assess the effectiveness, scope, and sustainability of these existing flood control projects to ensure that they are responsive to the current and projected challenges brought by climate change, urbanization, and siltation;

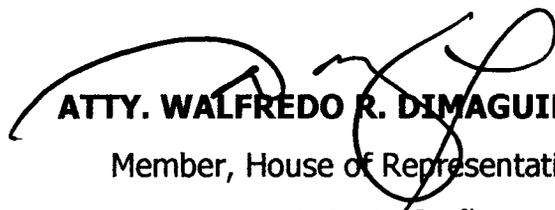
WHEREAS, the increasing siltation of Laguna Lake has significantly reduced its holding capacity, which may contribute to more frequent and severe flooding, and poses a threat to aquatic life and water quality;

WHEREAS, a comprehensive master plan may be necessary to harmonize the efforts of various stakeholders and develop long-term solutions that address flood prevention, environmental protection, and sustainable development of the Laguna Lake region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Committee on Ecology to conduct a thorough review of all existing flood control projects along Laguna Lake, and to determine whether there is a need to propose a comprehensive master plan aimed at preventing flooding and improving water quality;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to include in said review a study on the feasibility and environmental impact of dredging Laguna Lake to increase its water holding capacity and to help restore its ecological balance.

Adopted,


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