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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 722

Introduced by
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BAYAN MUNA Party-List Rep. CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE,
Rep. FERDINAND GAITE and Rep. EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT,
GABRIELA Women's Party Rep. ARLENE D. BROSAS,
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RESOLUTION
URGING THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES,
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
REPORT TO CONGRESS REGARDING THEIR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN
COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR MANDATES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 11304 OR THE
"PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN WAR MEMORIAL DAY ACT"

WHEREAS, Republic Act 11304, "An Act Declaring February Four of Every Year as the Philippine-American War Memorial Day" declared February 4 as the Philippine-American War Memorial Day to commemorate the sacrifices and bravery of the men and women who fought and died in defense of the Filipino nation during the Philippine-American war;

WHEREAS, the law mandates that the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to ensure the holding of appropriate activities in schools at all levels to commemorate the Philippine-American War Memorial Day;

WHEREAS, the law also mandates that the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) to provide the DepEd, CHED, and the general public with necessary information to ensure the commemoration of the Philippine-American War Memorial Day;

WHEREAS, the NHCP, in consultation with DepEd and CHED, is also mandated to formulate the rules and regulations in the implementation of RA 11304;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to correct the details in the historical marker at Sociego and Silencio Streets in Santa Mesa, Manila to comply with the spirit and intent of the law and to commemorate the bravery of the Filipino soldiers who were killed by the American soldier and who fought in defense of the Philippines. The marker gives more importance to the crime of the American forces rather than the heroism of the Filipinos;

WHEREAS, an information dissemination by the NHCP is needed to immortalize the stories of heroism by the different resistance movements such as those of the Moros, indigenous peoples, Tagalogs, Warays, Ilocanos, Bicolanos, and every Filipino during American colonial period;

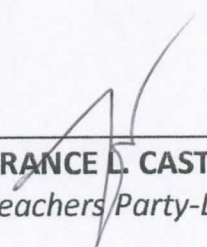
WHEREAS, the DepEd should issue a memorandum or DepEd order for all public or private schools to disseminate RA 11304, to create a module to aid the teachers in teaching the importance of the Philippine-American War Memorial Day, and to do other appropriate activities pursuant to its mandate under the law;

WHEREAS, RA 11304 was enacted to law on April 17, 2019. Therefore, more than nine months have passed since the enactment but until now, there are no clear actions from the agencies on how they are going to implement the law;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to correct how our history is told and to give justice to all the sacrifices of the Filipinos.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the House of Representatives urge the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, Commission on Higher Education, and Department of Education to report in Congress regarding their mandate and compliance with Republic Act 11304.

Adopted,

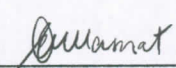


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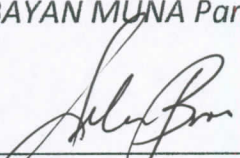
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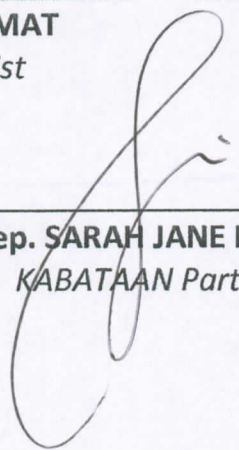
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