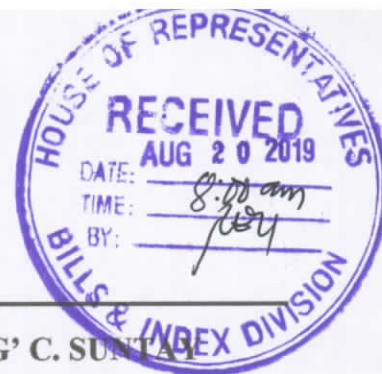


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House Resolution No. 244



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ATTY. JESUS 'BONG' C. SUNTAY

**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF**  
**LEGISLATION IN THE INCIDENT INVOLVING A TRANSGENDER WOMAN FOR**  
**ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION SHE WENT THROUGH IN FARMERS PLAZA MALL IN**  
**QUEZON CITY**

**WHEREAS**, in Section 1 of Article III (*Bill of Rights*), of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it states that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the law;

**WHEREAS**, every Filipino regardless of its sexual orientation, gender identity and expression must be entitled to the same rights and protection as with other ordinary individuals;

**WHEREAS**, last August 14, 2019, Gretchen Custodio Diez, was barred by a janitress from using a comfort room for women in Farmers Plaza Mall in Quezon City;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Diez was immediately brought to the mall's security office and thereafter was turned over to Police Station 7 in Cubao and later transferred to QCPD Anti-Cyber Crime Division in Camp Karingal, Quezon City for questioning;

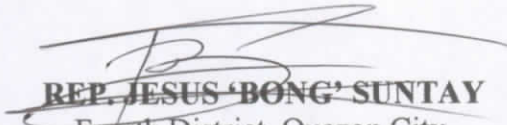
**WHEREAS**, making the incident worst, Ms. Diez was placed in handcuff despite the absence of any violation committed.

**WHEREAS**, it is evident that the investigator and the Mall owner are unaware of the "The Quezon City Gender-Fair Ordinance" passed by the City Council of Quezon City in 2014 providing for a comprehensive anti-discrimination policy on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression otherwise known as "SOGIE";

**WHEREAS**, Section V. 1.d of said ordinance, provides that "Facilities and Support System for LGBT persons – all government agencies, private offices, and commercial/industrial establishments shall designate toilet rooms and lavatories labelled as all gender CR.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the House of Representatives to investigate in aid of legislation the discrimination and ordeal suffered by a transgender woman in a Farmers Plaza Mall, Quezon City.

Adopted.

  
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