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RESOLUTION NO. SP-**2027**S-2003

A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO AMEND ARTICLE 202 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE BY IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES ON THE CRIME OF PROSTITUTION.

Introduced by Councilors ERIC Z. MEDINA, RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN, DANTE M. DE GUZMAN, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, RAMON P. MEDALLA, ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO, MARY ANN L. SUSANO, JULIAN M.L. COSETENG, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, ALMA F. MONTILLA, JANET M. MALAYA, XYRUS L. LANOT, and JUNIE MARIE L. CASTELO.

WHEREAS, prostitution is among the major problems of Philippine society nowadays;

WHEREAS, these problems do not only affect the country's tourism development programs, but also bring much notoriety to Filipino women and undermine the moral fiber of the citizenry;

WHEREAS, due to rampant prostitution, the number of victims of sexually-transmitted diseases is tremendously increasing and the situation becomes so alarming;

WHEREAS, the efforts of our law enforcers to apprehend prostitutes proved to be futile because the imposable penalty under the Revised Penal Code is only "arresto menor or a fine not exceeding P200.00" which is indeed unrealistic and not suited to the present time;

WHEREAS, the laxity of the law is the reason why, immediately after their arrest, prostitutes are found again loitering, tramping or wandering in various streets, public places and buildings dealing with their prospective patrons or customers;

WHEREAS, to ensure the prosecution and conviction of these people and to effectively curb the widespread operation of flesh trade, the penalty for prostitutes must be increased to "prision correctional or a fine not less than P5,000.00" and in case of recidivism, by "prision mayor or a fine not less than P10,000.00 or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court";

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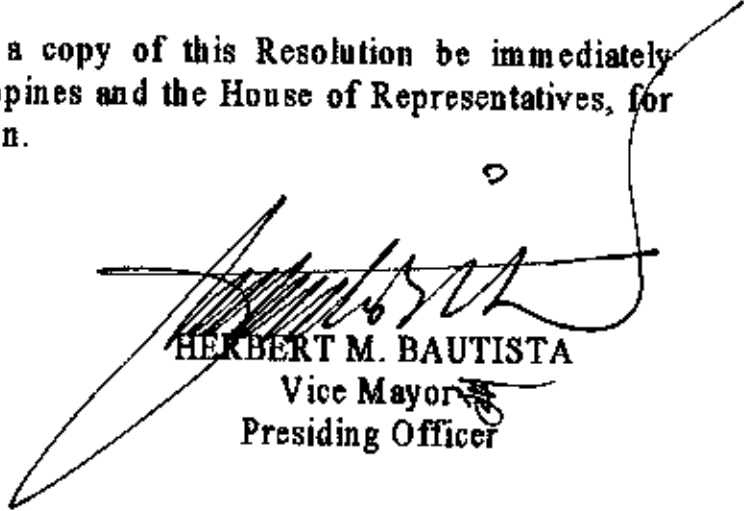
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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Congress of the Philippines to amend Article 202 of the Revised Penal Code by imposing stiffer penalties on the crime of prostitution.


RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be immediately forwarded to the Senate of the Philippines and the House of Representatives, for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: March 25, 2003.



HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution which was APPROVED on Second Reading on March 25, 2003, was CONFIRMED by the City Council on April 22, 2003.



EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary