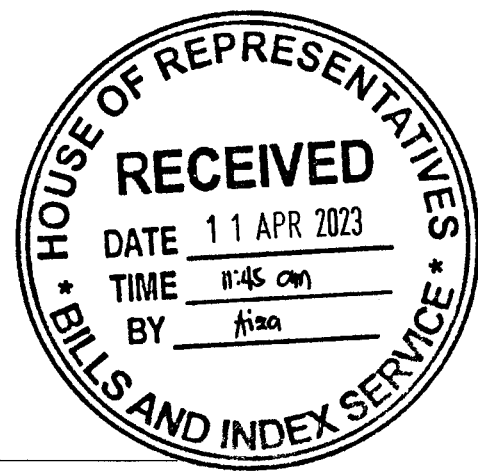


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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. **906**



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LUIS N. CAMPOS JR.

**RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE
COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY TO JOINTLY INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE
INADEQUATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1989 LAW THAT MANDATES THE
CONSTRUCTION OF RAINWATER COLLECTORS IN ALL BARANGAYS**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) has warned of a looming El Niño event that will likely develop in the July-August-September 2023 season and may persist until 2024;

WHEREAS, when the Philippines endured a full-blown El Niño event in 2019, up to 61 percent of the country reeled from a harsh drought, which caused extensive farm damage and severe water shortages in Metro Manila and surrounding provinces, after dams and lakes that supply drinking as well as irrigation water experienced a massive decline in rainfall;

WHEREAS, Congress passed Republic Act No. 6716, or The Rainwater Collector and Springs Development Law of 1989, to give substance to the mandate of the 1987 Constitution for the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the 1989 law stipulates that: "*The Department of Public Works and Highways shall, within 30 days after the approval of this Act, undertake the construction of water wells, rainwater collectors, development of springs and rehabilitation of existing water wells in all barangays in the Philippines in such number as may be needed and feasible, taking into consideration the population, hydrologic conditions, costs of project development and operations, financial and economic factors and institutional arrangements.*";

WHEREAS, *environmental advocacy groups have questioned the poor implementation of the 34-year-old law, particularly the lack of publicly constructed rainwater collectors;*

WHEREAS, rainwater harvesting offers a practical way for communities to stockpile rainwater for use during dry spells, while potentially alleviating flooding during the wet season;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Ecology jointly conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the inadequate execution of the law that requires the construction of rainwater collectors, with a view to recommending remedial measures.

Adopted.


LUIS N. CAMPOS JR.