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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1151



Introduced by: REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT 6716 WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER WELLS AND RAINWATER COLLECTORS IN ALL BARANGAYS IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, Republic Act 6716, otherwise known as the Rainwater Collector and Springs Development Act was enacted in March 17, 1989 to provide for the construction of water wells and rainwater collectors in all barangays in the Philippines:

WHEREAS, RA 6716 further aims to prevent flooding and ensure the continuous provision of clean water during dry seasons;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the law states that: "The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall, within thirty (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, with the looming water crisis in Metro Manila and the threat of the El Niño phenomenon which is likely to develop in the last quarter of this year, the need of additional water resource is highly indispensable;

WHEREAS, rainwater harvesting offers a practical and immediate solution to the need for water resource, help alleviate water shortage and drought down to the barangay level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Works and Highways be directed to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the status of the implementation of Republic Act 6716.

Adopted,

SALVADORA, PLEYTO, SR.