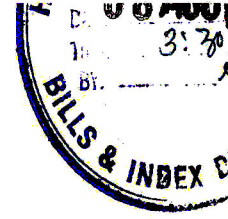


HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Introduced by: Hon. Ferdinand R. Marcos II

**RESOLUTION SEEKING AN INVESTIGATION
ON THE PROPRIETY OF SUBSIDIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE LEYTE LANDING**

WHEREAS, the Philippine government, through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Tourism, has organized the 50th anniversary celebration of the Leyte landing;

WHEREAS, according to reports, the sum of P75 Million has been appropriated by government to finance the creation of a tent city in Palo, Leyte to accommodate an estimated 5,000 US war veterans participating in the week long affair;

WHEREAS, reports indicate that Filipino business groups are being tapped to finance additional cost of the extravagance;

WHEREAS, Filipino war veterans who paved the way for the resistance-free US landing have been denied transportation and accommodations to participate in the affair;

WHEREAS, the use of public funds to honor and fete the 5,000 US veterans while denying the same treatment to the Filipino fighters is not only anomalous but downright abhorrent;

WHEREAS, as a state policy, the Philippines must not succumb to US pressure and blandishments to subsidize an affair that is reserved for Americans;

WHEREAS, the DFA and DOT committed grievous injustice in honoring US veterans while treating cavalierly the Filipino fighters who sacrificed everything to demolish the Japanese forces in Leyte before the US landing in 1944;

WHEREAS, this Chamber believes that proceeding with the celebrations without the participation of Filipino fighters, the unrecognized guerillas and the patriots who struggled for years after the Americans retreated, is an insult to the entire Filipino people and a waste of resources to boost the image of the US by creating a Philippine version of the Normandy

WHEREAS, the Loyal Landing cannot be celebrated without paying the credit for the liberation of the Philippines on the Filipino patriots, the freedom fighters who were abandoned by the US posthaste in 1942;

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to request the committees on foreign affairs, tourism, and veterans affairs to investigate the DFA, DOT and all government entities responsible for this undertaking.

ADOPTED,


HON. FERDINAND R. MARCOS II