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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY, AND YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED MARKETING OF HUMAN ORGANS INVOLVING MINORS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF IMPLEMENTING MEANINGFULLY THE EXISTING STATUTE ON ORGAN TRAFFICKING

WHEREAS, Section 13 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being";

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9208, otherwise known as Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003, specifically provides that "it shall be unlawful for any person, natural or juridical, to recruit, hire, adopt, transport or abduct a person, by means of threat or use of force, fraud, deceit, violence, coercion, or intimidation for the purpose of removal or sale of organs of said person" (Section 4, paragraph g);

WHEREAS, organ trafficking is now reportedly flourishing in alarming state;

WHEREAS, a non-government organization, Asia Against Child Trafficking, reported that during a study it conducted from 2008 to 2010, more than 200 individuals admitted to having sold internal organs;

WHEREAS, recently, organ syndicates coerced minors, aged 16 or 17, to sell their internal organs in eight (8) towns of Quezon province, and the organ sellers are paid an average of P112,000.00 each;

WHEREAS, the said organization reported that these syndicates also extracted organs from people in Tondo, Manila, and Rodriguez town in Rizal Province;

WHEREAS, the harsh living conditions, characterized by poverty, forced these young people to sell their organs;

WHEREAS, there is a need to protect the children from these predators;

RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge the Senate Committees on Health and Demography, and Youth, Women and Family Relations to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the reported marketing of human organs involving minors with the end in view of implementing meaningfully the provisions on organ trafficking.

Adopted,

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MANNY VILLAR