

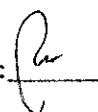
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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PLIGHT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS VIS-À-VIS THE RAMPANT HUMAN TRAFFICKING WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING THE LAWS THEREOF

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution under Section 3 of Article XIII provides that The State shall afford full protection to labor, local and overseas, organized and unorganized, and promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all;

**WHEREAS**, Filipino workers have become susceptible to human trafficking to find employment overseas;

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2010 Report on Trafficking in Persons by the U.S. State Department, the Philippines is a destination and transit country for men, women, and children who are subjected to trafficking in persons, specifically forced prostitution and forced labor;

**WHEREAS**, it also reported that a significant number of Filipino men and women who migrate abroad for work are subjected to conditions of involuntary servitude worldwide;

**WHEREAS**, trafficked Filipino migrant workers were often subject to violence, threats, inhumane living conditions, non-payment of salaries, and withholding of travel and identity documents;

**WHEREAS**, trafficked men, women, and children were found in factories, construction sites, and employed as domestic workers in Asia and increasingly throughout the Middle East;

**WHEREAS**, likewise, human trafficking of Filipinos to impoverished nations like Haiti is also significantly increasing;

**WHEREAS**, the Blas Ople Policy Center reported that some Filipino workers were deployed by a second agency, and not by the original agency that accepted their job applications. In other instances, the trafficked victims were received by labor suppliers pretending to be legitimate foreign employers;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to strengthen the regulatory powers of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration as well as the need to review the provisions of the Anti-Human Trafficking Act;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Philippines to urge the Senate Committees on Labor, Employment to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the plight of overseas Filipino workers vis-à-vis the rampant human trafficking with the end in view of strengthening the laws thereof.

Adopted,

  
**MANNY VILLAR**