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#### RESOLUTION

#### URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE HIGH PERCENTAGE THE IN PROFICIENCY TESTS PERSONNEL WHO FAILED THE GUN CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

Whereas, Republic Act 6975 (Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990) states, "It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to promote peace and order, ensure public safety and further strengthen local government capability aimed towards the effective delivery of the basic services to the citizenry through the establishment of a highly efficient and competent police force....the police force shall be organized, trained and equipped primarily for the performance of police functions.";

*Whereas,* policemen, especially those involved in actual police operations, should have the precision and accuracy of competitive shooters to combat criminality;

*Whereas*, according to the National Police Commission (Napolcom), of the country's 125,000 policemen and women of the Philippine National Police (PNP) tested nationwide, 90 percent failed the gun proficiency tests;

*Whereas,* of the remaining 10 percent, most of them ranked barely above the level of "novice";

Whereas, the figure means only 1 out of 10 knows how to shoot straight and take proper care of their guns;

*Whereas,* top police officials admit that almost 50 percent of the national police actually have no service firearms;

*Whereas,* officials attribute the failing marksmanship grades of the police to the high cost of marksmanship training and bullets used for practice shooting;

*Whereas,* it is critical for the police force to have good marksmanship skills because they could either be killed in the field or shoot innocent civilians: Now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committees on National Defense and Security, Local Government and other appropriate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the high percentage of Philippine National Police personnel who failed in the gun proficiency tests conducted by the National Police Commission.

Adopted,

**ILLAR** MANNY Senator