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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE DISTURBING CASE OF WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE A HIGHLY ORGANIZED AND SYSTEMATIC CHILD TRAFFICKING SERENDIPITOUSLY UNEARTHED BY THE AUTHORITIES IN JALA JALA, RIZAL**

**WHEREAS**, a serendipitous arrest for a suspect accused of issuing bouncing checks late last year in Jala Jala, Rizal exposed what appears to be a storage, processing and shipping center for Filipino infants;

**WHEREAS**, news reports in December 2008 revealed that there were nine diapered infants inside the said nursery, each snuggled in a labeled crib with stuffed toys for company, 11 adults including seven nannies, a foreign woman, and no parents;

**WHEREAS**, according to news reports, the infants lived a very regimented life, where their bodily functions and milk intake were closely monitored, and were fattened up, vaccinated, provided genuine or fake birth certificates, then flown to a commercial adoption agency abroad;

**WHEREAS**, the infants are allegedly "shipped" abroad, where they were turned over to foreigners who each paid a "processing fee" of at least Php600,000 (US\$12,500) per baby, where this fee could be discounted or paid on installment, interest free;

**WHEREAS**, according to the DSWD Legal Service the said "nursing home" is not in the Inter-Country Adoption Board (ICAB), the lone state agency to authorize all foreign adoptions and accredit all foreign adoption agencies, registry and therefore not authorized to facilitate foreign adoptions of Filipino children;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to investigate this matter and institute legislative measures to address this chilling issue;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved to direct the appropriate committees in the Senate to conduct an inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, into the disturbing case of what could possibly be a highly organized and systematic child trafficking serendipitously unearthed by the authorities in Jala Jala, Rizal.

**Adopted,**

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator