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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PERPETUATION OF ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF ENDANGERED WILD ANIMALS IN THE COUNTRY DESPITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS LAWS PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 provides: "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9147, also known as the Wildlife Resources Convention and Protection Act, pursues, with due regard to the national interest, the Philippine commitment to international conventions, protection of wildlife and their habitats;

WHEREAS, according to various news reports on 18 February 2014, more than a hundred birds, kangaroos, and anteaters were rescued in Surigao City after they were allegedly transported illegally to the Philippines from abroad;

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region 13 reportedly received a tip from the Philippine Operation Group on Ivory and Wildlife Trade that animals are illegally being transported from General Santos City to Surigao City;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the animals were crammed inside small cages, and endangered species of birds were either found dead or in critical condition;

WHEREAS, it was also reported that the driver of the vehicle used to transport the animals failed to show a wildlife import permit;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINES SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the perpetuation of illegal transportation of endangered wild animals in the country despite the implementation of various laws protecting endangered species.

Adopted,

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