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SENATE
P. S. Res. No. 542

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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, THE CYBER-ATTACKS ON OFFICIAL PHILIPPINE
GOVERNMENT WEBSITES MADE BY HACKTIVISTS

WHEREAS, official government websites had been targets of cyber-attacks by “*hacktivists*” named as Anonymous Philippines;

WHEREAS, “*hacktivist*” is defined by Oxford Dictionary as a computer hacker whose activity is aimed at promoting a social or political cause¹;

WHEREAS, Anonymous Philippines is a movement composed of hackers fighting for freedom of expression and change in the government;

WHEREAS, among the official government websites hacked by Anonymous Philippines are the Office of the Ombudsman, Optical Media Board, Insurance Commission, Sugar Regulatory Administration and other local government websites²;

WHEREAS, the group of hacktivists is also against the Cybercrime Law which they believe is unconstitutional and robs the Filipino people of their freedom of expression;

WHEREAS, there is nothing amiss in the democratic expression made by Anonymous Philippines but the lag it causes in the operation of government sites which provides services to the Filipino citizens is a matter that needs to be addressed;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to promote democratic expression that does not hinder the operation of the Philippine Government and the speedy provision of services which is a right of all Filipinos;

¹ Oxford Dictionaries website, “Hacktivist”,

http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/us/definition/american_english/hacktivist.

² GMA Network News website, “Anonymous Philippines govt websites, promotes Nov 5 protest”,

<http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/333738/scitech/technology/anonymous-philippines-defaces-govt-websites-promotes-nov-5-protest>.

WHEREAS, there is a need to adopt measures that will strengthen government's defense against cyber-attacks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved directing the proper Senate Committees to investigate, in aid of legislation, the cyber attacks on official Philippine Government websites made by hacktivists.

Adopted,



MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
Senator