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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT RISING GLOBAL LAND AND SEA TEMPERATURES WILL HAVE DEVASTATING EFFECTS BY 2100

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, the *Philippine Star* on 19 June 2014 reprinted an article by Washington Post which said that both the United States' National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Japan Meteorological Agency have tentatively stated that May 2014 is officially the warmest month in history in record, ranking it at the top of historical measurements;

WHEREAS, the two agencies reportedly ascribed the exceptionally warm month to the buildup of El Niño in the tropical Pacific; the agencies further observed that besides shifting weather patterns worldwide, the extra El Niño fueled ocean warmth is supercharging the earth's temperature, and will likely continue into early 2015;

WHEREAS, it was reported that NASA's baseline set from 1951 to 1980 shows the combined global land and ocean temperature of May, 2014 deviated from the cited baseline by about three quarters of a degree Celsius, the most of any month in history since accurate records began in 1880;

WHEREAS, NASA also reportedly recorded on April 2014 that monthly concentrations of carbon dioxide reached 400 parts per million for the first time in a least 800,000 years;

WHEREAS, according to the report, scientists said the rise in global warming could exceed 4.5 degrees Celsius by 2100, which by then will have devastating effects;

WHEREAS, the awareness and preparedness of the Philippines to the impending worldwide catastrophe has yet to be fully assessed and studied, as the Philippines has been prone to the El Niño phenomenon for several years;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that rising global land and sea temperatures will have devastating effects by 2100.

Adopted,

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MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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