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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT FILIPINOS ARE LIVING LONGER BUT IN
POOR HEALTH

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 13, Section 11 provides: "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The state shall endeavour to provide free medical care to paupers";

WHEREAS, *The Philippine Star*, on 1 March 2015, reported that according to the Commission on Population (POPCOM), the Philippines is approaching a demographic transition, such that the life expectancy of Filipinos is getting longer because of advances in technology, but that Filipinos are still living in poor health;

WHEREAS, POPCOM Director Perez cited the report of the University of the Philippines Population Institute that there was a significant rise in the number of older Filipinos in the past decade based on demographic trends, human capital, and health status;

WHEREAS, Juan Antonio Perez III, Executive Director of POPCOM, reportedly claimed that older Filipinos are expected to account for 10 percent of the population by 2025, higher than the present that is around six to seven percent;

WHEREAS, it was noted that females live longer than their male counterparts, with females expected to live up to the age of 72, and males up to the age of 67;

1 WHEREAS, Perez also reportedly said that at present, there are around seven million
2 senior citizens in the country;

3 WHEREAS, Perez further claimed that by the year 2025 to 2030, the Philippine
4 population would start to age;

5 WHEREAS, Perez reportedly added that the Philippines is already on the boundary of a
6 demographic transition stage of an aging population, but still considered a young population;

7 WHEREAS, Perez also pointed out that citizens are living longer, but in a state of poorer
8 health and socio-economic condition since they are only partially reaping the benefits of better
9 health and social conditions;

10 WHEREAS, Perez emphasized the need for the government to come up with health
11 promotion programs for the elderly in 10 years because of the many issues in the health of the
12 elderly population such as the need for rehabilitation, high incidence of depression, and health
13 care;

14 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the state to promote the well-being of the elderly by
15 providing services and programs designed to help them;

16 WHEREAS, the Congress should intensify existing legislation in creating health
17 programs that include meeting the needs of male senior citizens since the currently existing
18 health programs cater only to children and female senior citizens;

19 WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper
20 Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that Filipinos are
21 living longer but in poor health.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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