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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 A BIG PERCENTAGE OF THE COUNTRY'S
UNEMPLOYED IS FOUND IN THE YOUTH SECTOR

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 18 provides: "The State affirms labor as
a primary social economic force. It shall protect the rights of workers and promote their
welfare";

WHEREAS, *Manila Bulletin*, on 21 February 2015, reported that Secretary Rosalinda
Baldoz of the Department of Labor and Employment said that the reason behind the high
unemployment among the youth in the country is due to lack of skills;

WHEREAS, Sec. Baldoz allegedly said in the report that 49.1 percent of 2.4 million of
the country's unemployed belongs to the youth population;

WHEREAS, Sec. Baldoz explained the mismatch between labor demand and supply
among young population as a contributing factor the in high unemployment rate of our country;

WHEREAS, according to Sec. Baldoz, it takes a long time for young professional
Filipinos to pursue a career in the labor market because of skills gap;

WHEREAS, in order for the youth to start their careers as either wage employed or
engaged in entrepreneurship, Sec. Baldoz encourages young people to develop and hone their
life skills such as work ethic, communication skills and presentation to become globally
competitive;

WHEREAS, in the recent household survey conducted by the Asian Development Bank
in Manila and Cebu, Sec. Baldoz cited that a college graduate takes a year to get his first job and

1 up to two years to get a regular job, while a high school graduate takes up to three years to find
2 his first job and four years to find a regular job;

3 WHEREAS, in the said study conducted by Asian Development Bank, Sec. Baldoz
4 concluded that the variables such as educational attainment, social status of family and job
5 search attitude play a significant factor in length and quality of the school-to-work transition
6 among young jobseekers;

7 WHEREAS, the Congress should build a labor market information system to map job
8 supply and demand in collaboration with the Commission on Higher Education and the
9 Department of Labor and Employment to address the skill mismatch in the job market;

10 WHEREAS, the Congress, through relevant legislation, should help the young jobseekers
11 improve their skills needed to become globally competitive;

12 WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper
13 Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that a big percentage
14 of the country's unemployed is found in the youth sector.

Adopted,


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