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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONDITION OF MATERNAL HEALTH CARE IN THE COUNTRY AND THE STATUS OF THE PHILIPPINES IN MEETING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS THAT AIM TO IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, Section 15 of Article II of the Constitution states that "The State shall protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, 5th among the 8 Millennium Development Goals is to improve maternal health by reducing the maternal mortality ratio by three quarters and by achieving universal access to reproductive health;

WHEREAS, with only a few months to the deadline for the Millennium Development Goals, much remains to be done to achieve the goal of improving maternal health and reducing maternal deaths;

WHEREAS, for the current year, reports reveal that the Philippines has a long way to go with 221 mortalities for every 100,000 live births which is nowhere near the target of 60 for every 100,000;

WHEREAS, in its report on the status of the country in meeting the goals and targets of the Millennium Development Goals, the Center for Women's Resources disclosed the appalling condition of our public maternal hospitals where three to four women share a bed;

WHEREAS, with the looming deadline of meeting the objectives set during the United Nations Millennium Declaration there is a need to look into the government's policies on maternal healthcare as well as on prenatal care, postnatal care, childbirth care, maternal nutrition, and obstetric emergencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines directs the Senate Committee on Health and Demography and other appropriate Senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the condition of maternal health care in the country and the status of the Philippines in meeting the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals that aim to improve maternal health.

Adopted,



MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a smaller loop and a short horizontal stroke. Below the signature, the name "MANUEL 'LITO' M. LAPID" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font. A small, handwritten flourish is visible below the printed name.