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SENATE  
P. S. R. No. 1346

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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1 RESOLUTION

2 DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID  
3 OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED PRACTICE OF 'HULIDAP' OR EXTORTION BY  
4 POLICE OFFICERS DURING ARREST

5 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5, provides: "The maintenance of peace  
6 and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are  
7 essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

8 WHEREAS, the Constitution further provides, in Article 2, Section 27: "The State shall  
9 maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures  
10 against graft and corruption";

11 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 7 May 2015 reported that five operatives of the  
12 Quezon City Police District (QCPD) are facing dismissal from the service for allegedly  
13 attempting to extort ₱30,000 from a 37-year-old vendor they arrested;

14 WHEREAS, the police officers allegedly barged into the San Juan home of Rey  
15 Manlapaz without any warrant, and arrested the latter for supposed possession of illegal drugs  
16 and firearms;

17 WHEREAS, Manlapaz claimed that the charges were false, and accused his arrestors of  
18 unlawfully demanding ₱30,000 in exchange for his release;

19 WHEREAS, Manlapaz was released after his brother sought police help;

20 WHEREAS, the *Star* said QCPD director Chief Superintendent Joel Pagdilao has vowed  
21 to charge the police officers involved with robbery, extortion, unlawful arrest, arbitrary  
22 detention, and physical injury ;

23 WHEREAS, social media is rife with complaints about the same modus operandi, which  
24 has been tagged as "hulidap";

25 WHEREAS, the practice of "hulidap" must be eliminated to restore the integrity of the  
26 police force, which has the prime duty of protecting citizens;

1           WHEREAS, Congress must intensify existing legislation to penalize erring members of  
2 the national civilian law enforcement agency;

3           WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
4 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported practice  
5 of 'hulidap' or extortion by police officers during arrest.

6           Adopted,

  
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