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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY, ENERGY, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FEASIBILITY OF MASS PRODUCING SOLAR-POWERED WATER FILTERING SYSTEM WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROVIDING CLEAN, POTABLE, AND AFFORDABLE WATER ACCESSIBLE TO MORE FILIPINOS**

*WHEREAS*, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution affirms that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.";

*WHEREAS*, according to Water.org, a non-profit organization, every 21 seconds, somewhere around the world, a child dies from water related-illnesses;

*WHEREAS*, the United Nations recognizes access to water and sanitation as a basic human right and declared 2005-2015 as the "Water For Life Decade" that encouraged countries to create policies and actions to address inadequate water issues;

*WHEREAS*, despite the United Nations' Resolution, some Filipinos still remain thirsty and have to walk long distances with heavy buckets to access potable water and there are reports that dependency on bottled water had been increasing yearly, which is quite alarming since not everyone has the means to avail of and/or afford this commodity;

*WHEREAS*, in response to the recent earthquake that shook the Republic of Nepal, our very own Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) sent a seven-man humanitarian team that helped restore water supply in disaster-stricken areas by bringing with them solar-powered water filtering system which purified at least 1,400 liters of water for the use of affected communities and a hospital;

*WHEREAS*, there is a need to look into this matter and, if possible, replicate said water filtering technology to bring clean, potable, and affordable water to more Filipinos;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved,* by the Senate of the Philippines to urge the Senate Committees on Science and Technology, Health and Demography, Energy, and other appropriate Senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the feasibility of mass producing solar-powered water filtering systems with the end in view of providing clean, potable, and affordable water to more Filipinos.

*Adopted,*



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