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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

1 RESOLUTION
2 DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
3 TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
4 ON THE REPORT THAT TRANSACTIONAL SEX AMONG FILIPINOS
5 CONTRIBUTES TO THE INCREASE IN NEW HIV CASES

6 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides, “The State shall protect and
7 promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them”;

8 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 13 May 2015 reported that transactional sex is among
9 the activities blamed for a significant portion of the 646 new cases the Department of Health
10 (DOH) documented in March 2015—the highest monthly record since 1984;

11 WHEREAS, citing DOH data, the *Star* said that of the total new cases in March, 76
12 admitted to engaging in transactional sex, or the practice of regularly accepting payment for sex,
13 paying for sex, or both;


14 WHEREAS, data also reportedly showed that 20 of the newly recorded persons living
15 with HIV have accepted payment for sex, 38 have paid for sex, and 18 have done both;

16 WHEREAS, the government should intensify public information campaigns about the
17 risks of engaging in transactional sex;

18 WHEREAS, Congress must intensify existing laws on prostitution while considering
19 legislation aimed at eliminating transactional sex among Filipinos;

20 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
21 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that
22 transactional sex among Filipinos contributes to the increase in new HIV cases.

Adopted,


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