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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO UPDATE SUMMARY DEPORTATION PROCEDURES TO MINIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CORRUPTION IN THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 27 provides: "The State shall maintain 2 honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft 3 and corruption";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 3019, also known as Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, Section 1, states: "It is the policy of the Philippine Government, in line with the principle that a public office is a public trust, to repress certain acts of public officers and private persons alike which constitute graft or corrupt practices....";

8 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 31 May 2015 reported that a graft case has been filed 9 against Bureau of Immigration (BI) Commissioner Siegfred Mison before the Office of the 10 Ombudsman for alleged irregularities involving the arrest and subsequent release from detention 11 of an illegal foreign national;

WHEREAS, the report said that Mison and six other BI employees were accused of ordering and facilitating the release of a certain Fu Gaofeng, who was allegedly scheduled for summary deportation, in violation of immigration and other related laws;

WHEREAS, without prejudice to the court proceedings on charges against Mison, it is
incumbent upon the government to improve deportation procedures in order to minimize
opportunities for corruption;

18 WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with the Department of Justice, the Bureau of 19 Immigration, and other concerned agencies, should determine the need to create new laws or 20 amend existing legislation with the aim of expediting the deportation process; WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the need to update
summary deportation procedures to minimize opportunities for corruption in the Bureau of
Immigration.

Adopted,

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