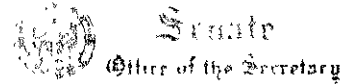



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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING REMAINS
A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THE PHILIPPINES

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

4 WHEREAS, the Constitution also provides, in Article 2, Section 11: “The State values
5 the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights”;

6 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 8 June 2015 reported that some 450,000 Filipinos fall
7 victim to human trafficking a year, according to non-government organization Call to Rescue;

8 WHEREAS, the group claimed that international syndicates involved in human
9 trafficking target women and children because they easily fall into their traps;

10 WHEREAS, the crime is allegedly transnational, and remains widespread in the country
11 because of poverty, as well as the lack of proper parental guidance to children;

12 WHEREAS, Call to Rescue reported that women and children are nowadays recruited not
13 only in public places but also through social media, by luring them with the promise of decent
14 jobs, only to be trafficked for sex or hard labor, and exposed to abuse;

15 WHEREAS, human trafficking is allegedly no longer limited to the poor, but also to
16 individuals from the middle and upper economic classes;

17 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of government to ensure strict enforcement of laws
18 that combat human trafficking;

19 WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with relevant agencies, must intensify existing
20 laws amid reports of the prevalence of human trafficking;

1 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
2 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that human
3 trafficking remains a serious problem in the country.

Adopted,


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