


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN LAWS AGAINST
THE ILLEGAL PRACTICE OF MEDICINE

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

3 WHEREAS, a petition launched in June through online platform Change.org is calling on
4 law enforcement agencies to stop a businesswoman who purports to be a licensed physician from
5 practicing medicine;

6 WHEREAS, in an open letter, Bernard Tan urged Justice Secretary Leila De Lima,
7 National Bureau of Investigation Chief Virgilio Mendez, and Professional Regulation
8 Commission Chair Teresita Manzala to act on cases he has filed against businesswoman Antonia
9 Carandang-Park;

10 WHEREAS, Tan reportedly sought murder and estafa charges against Park in 2013,
11 months after his daughter, Kate, died following a stem cell treatment and a juice diet Park
12 prescribed for Hodgkin’s lymphoma;

13 WHEREAS, public prosecutors in April 2015 purportedly filed only illegal practice of
14 medicine and estafa against Park;

15 WHEREAS, Tan in his online signature campaign claimed that Park continues to practice
16 medicine despite the charges filed against her;

17 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* also reported in 2014 that a licensed physician
18 previously associated with Park’s clinic in Tagaytay has testified that Park misrepresented
19 herself as a medical doctor;

20 WHEREAS, some 7,000 Filipinos have so far signed the online petition for immediate
21 action against Park;

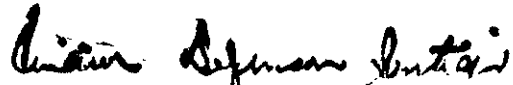
22 WHEREAS, the government is duty-bound to protect its citizens from unscrupulous
23 individuals who claim to be practitioners of medicine and other professions without legitimate
24 education, training, and experience;

1 WHEREAS, there must be a mechanism to preventively suspend the practice of medical
2 doctors and other professionals pending questions of legality;

3 WHEREAS, Congress must strengthen existing legislation with the aim of curbing the
4 illegal practice of medicine and other professions;

5 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
6 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the need to
7 strengthen laws against the illegal practice of medicine.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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