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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION
ON THE REPORT THAT OFFICIALS DIVERTED FUNDS FOR AN IMPORTANT
WEAPONS DEAL TO A NON-PRIORITY PROCUREMENT PROJECT

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides:

2 The prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people. The
3 Government may call upon the people to defend the State and, in the fulfillment
4 thereof, all citizens may be required, under conditions provided by law, to render
5 personal, military or civil service;

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

9 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 7 July 2015 reported that some ₱6.5-billion
10 for the pending purchase of anti-aircraft missiles from the Israel government was realigned for the
11 procurement of non-priority military equipment;

12 WHEREAS, the said weapons deal with Israel was allegedly meant to boost the
13 Philippines' primary defense against Chinese incursion in the West Philippine Sea;


14 WHEREAS, an *Inquirer* source claimed that top officials of the Department of National
15 Defense (DND) realigned the funds because they want to earn a windfall from commissions;

16 WHEREAS, instead of the shore-based missile system the DND negotiated with the
17 Israeli Ministry of Defense, the budget was used to buy equipment including marksmen rifles,
18 chemical-biological-nuclear protective gear, and long-range sniper weapons systems;

19 WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with the DND and other government agencies
20 concerned, should determine the need to enact a law or amend existing laws in order to ensure
21 transparency and judicious use of government funds;

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
3 officials diverted funds for an important weapons deal to a non-priority procurement project.

Adopted,


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