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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 NEED TO EMPOWER BARANGAYS TO FIGHT DENGUE

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

3 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 13, Section 11 states that:

4 The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health
5 development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other
6 social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority
7 for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and
8 children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers;

9 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 29 June 2015 reported that some 17 barangays
10 around the city of Manila are at high risk for mosquito-related diseases and are currently being
11 monitored by health officials to prevent the rise of dengue and other related illnesses this rainy
12 season;

13 WHEREAS, the Manila health department was allegedly able to determine the index
14 density of mosquitoes all over the 896 barangays in the city using ovitraps which collect and trap
15 eggs laid by mosquitoes, killing them in the process;

16 WHEREAS, ovitraps are black-colored drums filled with water and in which cardboard
17 or wooden sticks with pepper are placed to attract and trap egg-laying mosquitoes;


18 WHEREAS, the Manila barangays placed on the dengue watch list were found to have a
19 considerably high density of mosquitoes, which means they have registered over 20 percent
20 density in terms of mosquito presence;

21 WHEREAS, the government must widen the scope of mosquito density studies to
22 identify priority areas in the fight against dengue;

1 WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation and in coordination with Department
2 of Health, should empower local governments at the barangay level to fight and control the
3 spread of dengue;

4 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
5 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the need to empower
6 barangays to fight dengue.

Adopted,


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