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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 RECENT LUZON FLOODS

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

4 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 20 July 2015 reported that heavy rain
5 dumped by the southwest monsoon from 14 July to 19 July flooded at least 190 villages in
6 Luzon, including 100 in Pangasinan;

7 WHEREAS, civil defense officials claimed that at least four people were reported to have
8 died as a result of the rains, while about 3,000 were forced to flee to evacuation centers;

9 WHEREAS, the local government must develop mechanisms that will allow authorities
10 to anticipate the detrimental effects of natural phenomena and to order preemptive evacuation in
11 the hope of avoiding casualties;

12 WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must empower local governments up
13 to the barangay level to implement disaster risk reduction and management programs;

14 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
15 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on recent Luzon floods.

Adopted,

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