

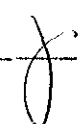
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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE REPORT THAT SIX OUT OF 10 PATENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES  
FROM 2007 TO 2012 HAVE BEEN FILED BY EMIGRANTS

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Sections 9 and 17 provide:

2 Section 9. The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that  
3 will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people  
4 from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full  
5 employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all;

6 Section 17. The State shall give priority to education, science and  
7 technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism,  
8 accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

9 WHEREAS, the *Economist* online on 1 July 2015 reported that of the 705 patents filed in  
10 the Philippines from 2007 to 2012, 59 percent have been filed by individuals who have moved to  
11 other countries;

12 WHEREAS, citing data from the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the  
13 *Economist* confirmed fears of a so-called brain drain in the Philippines, or the loss of experts and  
14 innovation leaders to the diaspora;

15 WHEREAS, the Philippines was in the bottom third of countries included in the report,  
16 with its statistics during the period comparable to Egypt, Mongolia, Belarus, Costa Rica, and  
17 Uruguay;


18 WHEREAS, the *Economist* clarified that discouraging talented citizens from leaving the  
19 country will not necessarily result in more innovation, as lack of opportunities may prevent these  
20 individuals from achieving their full potential;

1           WHEREAS, one of the strategies the Economist recommended is a program that will  
2 encourage talented emigrants to return home, or to at least contribute to local innovation in their  
3 respective fields of expertise;

4           WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must determine the feasibility of  
5 putting in place incentives for emigrant patent holders to return to the Philippines, or to serve the  
6 government or priority industries as consultants;

7           WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
8 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that six out  
9 of 10 patents in the Philippines from 2007 to 2012 have been filed by emigrants.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
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