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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 DOUBLE MALNUTRITION
IN THE PHILIPPINES HAS INCREASED

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, the *Philippine Star* on 6 July 2015 reported that the country is facing a
4 double malnutrition crisis as the number of underweight and overweight adults significantly
5 increased over the past 10 years;

6 WHEREAS, data from the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) survey on
7 malnutrition among Filipino adults purportedly showed that from 1993 to 2003, 12.3 percent of
8 adults are undernourished while 24 percent are overweight and obese;

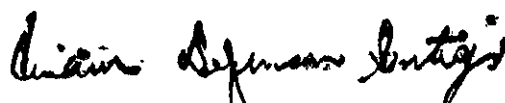
9 WHEREAS, National Nutrition Council (NNC) executive director Maria Bernardita
10 Flores claimed that to address the issue, the NNC would strengthen its *Pinggang Pinoy* program,
11 which aims to properly explain the food pyramid;

12 WHEREAS, the program reportedly includes the production and dissemination of a new
13 and easy-to-understand food guide that uses familiar food plate models so that the public will
14 know the right food group proportions that will meet their energy and nutrient needs;

15 WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with relevant agencies, must determine policy
16 support needed to implement the *Pinggang Pinoy* program, especially in remote areas;

17 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
18 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that double
19 malnutrition in the Philippines has increased.

Adopted,


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