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SIXTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC

**OF THE PHILIPPINES** 

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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 MEMBERS OF A CHINESE CRIMINAL SYNDICATE ARE SNEAKING INTO THE COUNTRY TO ROB CHINESE BUSINESSMEN

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

## 4 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 27 July 2015 reported that members of a criminal

5 syndicate based in China have been able to sneak into the country to rob Chinese businessmen;

- 6 WHEREAS, Chinese gang members are allegedly quick to enter the country and are also
  7 quick to escape after transferring millions of yuan to a bank in China;
- 8 WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Police Office learned about the Chinese
  9 syndicate's racket after one of the victims, a certain Sen Mao Zheng, complained to the Manila
  10 Police District about a ₽7.6-million robbery;
- WHEREAS, according to Sen, a native of Fujian, he was alone in his rented condo unit in
  Binondo, Manila sometime in May 25, when three armed men ordered him to transfer money to
  a bank in China through the Internet;
- WHEREAS, police officials claimed that the suspects were members of a crime ring in
  China who managed to surreptitiously enter the country to rob Chinese businessmen;
- WHEREAS, these Chinese crime syndicate members allegedly appear directly at the doors of their intended victims after arriving at the airport then leave for China upon the completion of their mission without being detected;
- WHEREAS, police probers are at a loss over how the crime ring based in China managedto pick victims in the Philippines;

1 WHEREAS, Congress, in coordination with concerned agencies, must ensure strict 2 enforcement of immigration laws to prevent crimes committed by unwanted aliens and foreign 3 syndicates;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that members of a Chinese criminal syndicate are sneaking into the country to rob Chinese businessmen.

Adopted,

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