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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 TOXIC
WASTES HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED DUMPED IN CAVITE

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 provides: “The State shall protect and
2 advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm
3 and harmony of nature”;

4 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 21 July 2015 reported that 429 drums containing
5 toxic waste were discovered dumped in a river in Barangay Pangil, Amadeo, Cavite;

6 WHEREAS, the *Bulletin* quoted Mayor Benjarde Ambon Villanueva, who claimed that
7 an Isuzu Wing Van truck was put under surveillance after being reported as the source of
8 dumping in the local river;

9 WHEREAS, a police team purportedly discovered and took into custody seven
10 individuals inside the van after seeing it had been parked on the side of a road;

11 WHEREAS, police then allegedly traced the 429 containers of toxic waste, discovering
12 its location two hours after the arrest of the aforementioned individuals;

13 WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, and in consultation with the
14 Department of the Environment and Natural Resources and other relevant agencies, must
15 improve the enforcement of laws against the haphazard disposal of toxic waste;

16 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
17 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that toxic
18 wastes have been discovered dumped in Cavite.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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