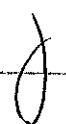


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT UNEMPLOYMENT AND LOW WAGES
CONTINUE TO FORCE FILIPINOS TO WORK OVERSEAS

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2 provides:

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 18. The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It
7 shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare;

8 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 30 July 2015 reported that a growing number of
9 Filipinos are leaving the country to seek employment abroad because of the prevailing high
10 unemployment rate and low wages in the Philippines;

11 WHEREAS, migrant workers advocacy group Migrante International claimed that an
12 average of 6,000 Filipino workers are deployed daily to various countries;

13 WHEREAS, Migrante cited data from the Philippine Overseas Employment
14 Administration (POEA), which shows that the average daily deployment of Filipino workers rose
15 to 6,092 so far in 2015, way above the daily average of 2,500 in 2009;

16 WHEREAS, Migrante also claimed that the OFW deployment far outnumbered the jobs
17 generated domestically, citing data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) which
18 indicated that the number of locally employed Filipinos was only 1.02 million in 2014, or an
19 average of 2,805 new hires in the country daily;

20 WHEREAS, the Congress, in consultation with the National Economic and Development
21 Authority (NEDA), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and other concerned
22 agencies, must strengthen existing legislation to foster an economic environment that will
23 generate more jobs;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
2 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that
3 unemployment and low wages continue to force Filipinos to work overseas.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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