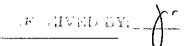


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT THERE IS A LOOMING FOOD SHORTAGE IN AN ISLAND IN THE DISPUTED WEST PHILIPPINE SEA

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

WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 30 July 2015 reported that more than 100 residents of Kalayaan fown in the disputed West Philippine Sea are facing food shortage as trips to the distant island become more infrequent;

WHEREAS, Kalayaan's Municipal Risk Reduction and Management Office claimed that at present, the remote municipality has 25 sacks of rice and other food items in stock for their residents, and that trips must be scheduled within three months, or before the supply runs out;

WHEREAS, Kalayaan officials are awaiting action from the Provincial Risk Reduction and Management Office of Palawan, which has been informed about the issue;

WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with relevant agencies, must determine policy support needed by the local government and residents of Kalayaan Island, where maintaining a constituency may be crucial to the Philippine claim to disputed waters;

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 there is a looming food shortage in an island in the disputed West Philippine Sea.

Adopted,

MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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