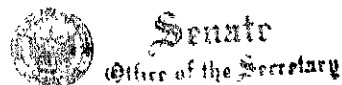
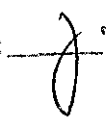


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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT REPORT THAT MARINDUQUE OFFICIALS USED  
MORE THAN ₱900 MILLION IN CALAMITY FUNDS TO DISTRIBUTE MOBILE PHONES  
TO HEALTH WORKERS

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution provides, in Article 2, Sections 27 and 28:

2 Section 27. The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public  
3 service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption.

4 Section 28. Subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State  
5 adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions  
6 involving public interest.

7 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 18 August 2015 reported that Marinduque provincial  
8 officials spent 70 percent of its Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund  
9 (LDRRMF) for programs not directly related to the fund's purpose;


10 WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit (COA) claimed that some ₱909,675 in mitigation  
11 funds have been released to purchase 1,300 cellular phones allegedly distributed to provincial  
12 health office and barangay health workers;

13 WHEREAS, state auditors charged that the utilization of LDRRMF for purpose other  
14 than it was appropriated constitutes irregular and illegal expenditures;

15 WHEREAS, the Congress, in consultation with the COA, should consider enacting  
16 or amending laws in order to ensure judicious and transparent use of LDRRMF;

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 Commission on  
19 Audit report that Marinduque officials used more than P900 million in calamity funds to  
20 distribute mobile phones for health workers.

21 Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
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