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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 COMMISSION ON AUDIT REPORT THAT COMBAT CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT
AND AMMUNITIONS REMAINED UNDELIVERED TO THE PHILIPPINE ARMY BY THE
END OF 2014, THEREBY DEPRIVING THEM OF THE TIMELY USE THEREOF

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 3, provides:

2 Section 3. Civilian authority is, at all times, supreme over the military. The
3 Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the people and the State. Its
4 goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national
5 territory;

6 WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit (COA) in its recently released 2014 report on the
7 Philippine Army stated that Combat Clothing and Individual Equipment (CCIE) items requested
8 for procurement from the Procurement Service – Department of Budget and Management (PS-
9 DBM) from 2004-2011 totaling ₱231,944,683.19 in the Headquarters, Philippine Army and
10 common use supplies in 9th Infantry Division totalling ₱786,323.35 remained undelivered as of
11 year-end;

12 WHEREAS, the report further stated that out of the ₱569,576,219.44 that was transferred
13 to the Government Arsenal account, only ₱42,413,973.34 or 7.44 percent worth of ammunitions
14 were delivered during the year;

15 WHEREAS, state auditors claimed that due to these failures, the Philippine Army was
16 deprived of the timely use of the procured items;

17 WHEREAS, the government has a duty to ensure that the armed forces are constantly
18 equipped with the necessary tools to exercise their constitutional mandate protect the people, the
19 state and national territory and sovereignty;

20 WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must ensure the efficient and timely
21 procurement and delivery of modern military equipment to the armed forces;

1 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 Commission on
3 Audit report that combat clothing, equipment, and ammunitions remained undelivered to the
4 Philippine Army by the end of 2014, thereby depriving them of the timely use thereof.

Adopted,


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