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SENATE
P. S. R. No. 1564

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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 CAGAYAN PROVINCE HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER
A STATE OF CALAMITY DUE TO THE MASSIVE IMPACT OF A DRY SPELL
ON THE CORN INDUSTRY IN THE AREA

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

4 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 15 April 2015 reported that Cagayan Valley is under
5 a state of calamity due to the dry spell that resulted in some ₱712 million in damage corn crops
6 in 25 municipalities and two cities;

7 WHEREAS, some 37,000 farmers were allegedly devastated due to the drought which
8 damaged 55,000 metric tons of yellow corn in recent months;

9 WHEREAS, losses in corn crops are reportedly projected to reach ₱1 billion;

10 WHEREAS, the declaration of a province-wide state of calamity purportedly released
11 some ₱123 million in calamity funds as support to the affected farmers;

12 WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must put in place support
13 mechanisms for local government units affected by dry spells;

14 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
15 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, on the report that Cagayan province has been
16 placed under a state of calamity due to the massive impact of a dry spell on the corn industry in
17 the area.

Adopted,

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