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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT SUMMARY EXECUTION REMAINS A
COMMON PRACTICE AMONG COPS

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution provides in Article 2, Sections 5 and 11, and in Article 3,
2 Section 1:

3 Article 2. Section 5. The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of
4 life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential
5 for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.

6 Article 2. Section 11. The State values the dignity of every human person
7 and guarantees full respect for human rights.

8 Article 3. Section 1. No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or
9 property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal
10 protection of the laws.

11 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 24 August 2015 reported that summary execution
12 remains common practice among cops;

13 WHEREAS, two policemen claimed that summary executions involving police officers
14 are still prevalent and come in different forms;

15 WHEREAS, policemen may allegedly be hired to silence a subject, get rid of a criminal,
16 or perform other illicit operations;

17 WHEREAS, human rights advocates reportedly blamed the weak penal system, which
18 forces victims of crimes or their families to take justice into their own hands;

19 WHEREAS, checks and balances must be strengthened within the police force to deter
20 illicit practices, such as being gunmen for hire;

21 WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, should strengthen the penal system
22 in the Philippines in order to end the so-called culture of impunity;

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 report that
3 summary execution remains common practice among cops.

Adopted,


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