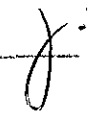




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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT OVERFISHING IS PRACTICED
IN 75 PERCENT OF PHILIPPINE FISHING GROUNDS

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution provides, in Article 2, Sections 5 and 16:

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

5 Section 16. The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a
6 balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

7 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 15 August 2015 reported that the continuous rise in
8 illegal fishing in the Philippines has resulted in the decline of sustainable fisheries, with 75
9 percent fishing grounds in the country overfished;

10 WHEREAS, the problem is reportedly compounded by unregulated fishing among multi-
11 million fishing companies despite the developments in fisheries enforcement;

12 WHEREAS, the total catch at the national level remains stable but is allegedly
13 maintained only temporarily because of fishers who move from one area to another;

14 WHEREAS, Congress, together with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and
15 other concerned agencies, must create a task force that will ensure the stringent implementation
16 of the amended fisheries code to regulate fishing and protect the country's marine resources;

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 report that
19 overfishing is practiced in 75 percent of Philippine fishing grounds.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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