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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT BOGUS JOBS ARE BEING OFFERED
TO FILIPINOS IN MALAYSIA

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 18 provides:

2 The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect
3 the rights of workers and promote their welfare.

4 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 14 October 2015 reported that Filipinos
5 have been warned against dubious job offerings in Malaysia that promise high salaries, following
6 complaints that overseas Filipino workers in Sarawak State were duped in such a scam;

7 WHEREAS, the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur has allegedly issued the advisory
8 after receiving reports that overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) had been recruited for well-paying
9 jobs in Miri and Bintulu in Sarawak but ended up as guest relations officers or waiters;

10 WHEREAS, the report claimed that the OFWs whose passports have been withheld by
11 employers were not paid their proper salaries and given no employment benefits;

12 WHEREAS, according to the embassy, foreigners who travel to Sarawak and other parts
13 of Malaysia as tourists cannot work legally;

14 WHEREAS, workers have reportedly been advised to verify job offers with the POEA in
15 Manila or the Embassy's Philippine Overseas Labor Office before making travel plans;

16 WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must create measures and increase
17 public awareness to address proliferation of fake job offers abroad;

18 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
19 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that bogus
20 jobs are being offered to Filipinos in Malaysia.

Adopted,


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