

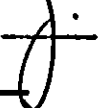
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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL RESOURCES, WAYS AND MEANS, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CUTTING OF AT LEAST 982 TREES IN TOLEDO CITY, CEBU WITHOUT THE NECESSARY PERMITS FROM RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

**WHEREAS**, Article 2, Section 16 of the Constitution affirms that "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

**WHEREAS**, news reports reveal that at least 982 trees in Barangay Talavera in Toledo City, Cebu were illegally cut to make way for a solar power project;

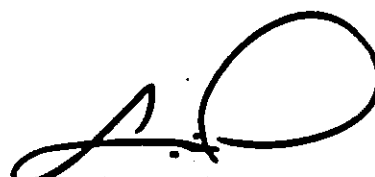
**WHEREAS**, according to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Central Visayas (DENR-7), the developer of the solar power project failed to show any tree-cutting permit to the agency's Enforcement Division and other environmental officers when they visited the area;

**WHEREAS**, the DENR-7 said that the operations of the solar power project to cut down trees started in September and the total volume of trees cut was approximately 928,560 cubic meters with a market value of Php18.5 million;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to investigate this matter in order to institute further legislative measures that will effectively implement the relevant environmental laws and to institute further policies to balance the interest of development and environmental conservation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved to direct the appropriate committees in the Senate to conduct an inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the cutting of at least 982 trees in Toledo City, Cebu without the necessary permits from relevant government agencies

*Adopted,*

  
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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PREVALENCE OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) IN THE COUNTRY AND THE STATUS OF THE PHILIPPINES IN MEETING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS THAT AIM TO COMBAT HIV/AIDS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15 of Article II of the Constitution states that "The State shall protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

**WHEREAS**, 6<sup>th</sup> among the 8 Millennium Development Goals is to combat HIV/AIDS, and other diseases by achieving universal access to treatment for HIV/AIDS for all those who need it by 2010, and by halting and reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS by 2015;

**WHEREAS**, amidst the global downtrend of HIV/AIDS epidemic by about 40% between 2000 and 2013, regional trends showed that there is a sluggish decline in the number of new infections in Southeast Asia with the Philippines having the fastest growing HIV epidemic in the world with 17 new cases recorded daily in the year 2014 to 22 in 2015, according to a report by the World Health Organization (WHO);

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health reported in July 2015 that about 22 Filipinos get infected with HIV every day, while the United Nations & AIDS (or UNAIDS) said that the Philippines has reported over 20,000 new cases of infection, which is more than the total number of HIV cases reported in the country from 1984 to the early 2000s;

**WHEREAS**, although the Philippines remains a low incidence country with HIV prevalence affecting 0.1% of the general population, there is a reported concentrated epidemic of HIV infection among certain groups, like gay men and men who have sex with men, freelance sex workers, and in certain areas of Cebu, among people who inject drugs, that needs close monitoring and urgent intervention;

**WHEREAS**, with only a few months to the deadline for the Millennium Development Goals, much remains to be done to achieve the goal on combating HIV / AIDS and other diseases;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to look into the government's efforts to curb the prevalence of HIV /AIDS for us to be able to implement policies to ramp up the country's response to the escalating HIV epidemic in terms of funding and raising awareness;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, *as it is hereby resolved*, that the Senate of the Philippines directs the Senate Committee on Health and Demography and other appropriate Senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the prevalence of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in the country and the status of the Philippines in meeting the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals that aim to combat HIV/AIDS.

*Adopted,*

  
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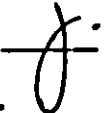
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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ANN LORRAINE MANIEGO COLIS FOR HONORING THE PHILIPPINES WITH THE MISS GLOBE 2015 TITLE ON 8 OCTOBER 2015 AT THE ROSE THEATRE BRAMPTON IN TORONTO, CANADA**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has on several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for bringing home pride and glory to the country by reaping awards in international events and competitions;

**WHEREAS**, 22-year old beauty queen from Mexico, Pampanga Ann Lorraine Maniego Colis made the country proud as she was crowned the 2015 Miss Globe at the Rose Theatre Brampton in Toronto, Canada on October 8, 2015 besting 53 contenders from around the world;

**WHEREAS**, newly crowned Miss Globe Ann Lorraine Maniego Colis is the first Filipina to bag the crown in all of the pageant's 42 editions;

**WHEREAS**, Miss Globe is an annual beauty pageant that centers on social principles and promote interethnic exchange of cultures and traditions among participating countries;

**WHEREAS**, by being hailed this year's most beautiful woman in the globe, Ann Lorraine Maniego Colis gave Filipinos unparalleled pride and showed the world the grace and excellence that is the Filipina;

**WHEREAS**, the honor earned by our beauty queen deserves to be commended for the pride and recognition that she brought our country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend Ann Lorraine Maniego Colis for honoring the Philippines with the Miss Globe 2015 title on 8 October 2015 at the Rose Theatre Brampton in Toronto, Canada.

*Adopted,*

  
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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING NANCY C. CARVAJAL, HORACIO "HOWIE G. SEVERINO, AND MARIA TERESA "MARITES" D. VITUG FOR BEING NAMED THE 2015 JOURNALISTS OF THE YEAR (JOY) AWARDED BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC. AND PROBE MEDIA FOUNDATION, INC. (PMFI)

*WHEREAS*, the Journalists of the Year (JOY) is a search undertaken by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. and Probe Media Foundation, Inc. (PMFI) to recognize outstanding journalists whose work not only inspired and influenced their audience, but sparked social change and contributed to nation building;

*WHEREAS*, the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. recognized its first set of Journalists of the Year in 2013 with Jarius Bondoc, Malou Mangahas and Jiggy Manicad as awardees, whose work inspired significant changes in their respective fields of journalism;


*WHEREAS*, nominees for Journalists of the Year went through a rigorous screening process culminating in an interview by the Final Board of Judges headed by Ombudsman Conchita Carpio- Morales with Commission on Elections chairperson Andres D. Bautista, Commission on Higher Education chairperson Dr. Patricia B. Licuanan, Ateneo de Manila University president Father Jose Ramon T. Villarín, SJ, and Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation president Carmencita T. Abella;

*WHEREAS*, the 2015 Journalists of the Year award is given to: Maria Teresa "Marites" D. Vitug, editor-at-large of Rappler; Horacio "Howie" G. Severino, news anchor and Vice President for Professional Development of GMA Network, Inc.; and Nancy C. Carvajal, senior reporter of The Philippine Daily Inquirer;

*WHEREAS*, the Senate of the Philippines proudly joins the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. and Probe Media Foundation, Inc. in congratulating and commending Nancy C. Carvajal, Horacio "Howie" G. Severino, and Maria Teresa "Marites" D. Vitug who themselves are institutions deserving of the recognition as Journalists of the Year;

*RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED*, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulate and commend Nancy C. Carvajal, Horacio "Howie" G. Severino, and Maria Teresa "Marites" D. Vitug for being named the 2015 Journalists Of The Year (JOY) awarded by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. and Probe Media Foundation, Inc. (PMFI)

*Adopted,*

  
MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID  
