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SENATE
P. S. R. No. 1684

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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 COMMISSION ON
AUDIT THAT THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES SPENT LITTLE ON SCOUTING
ACTIVITIES DESPITE ITS HUGE INCOME IN 2013 AND 2014

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution provides, in Article 2, Section 28:

2 Section 28. Subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State
3 adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions
4 involving public interest.

5 WHEREAS, news website *Rappler* on 31 October 2015 reported that the Boy Scouts of
6 the Philippines (BSP) spent only ₱9.15 million on scout-related activities despite having
7 collected ₱202.79 million from students from January 2013 to May 2014;

8 WHEREAS, the news quoted the recently released Commission on Audit (COA) findings
9 that the BSP disbursed only ₱8.541 million, or 4.61 percent of its income of ₱185.441 million;

10 WHEREAS, state auditors also allegedly found that for the first five months of 2014, the
11 BSP spent only ₱611,074 on scout-related programs out of its ₱17.346 million collection;

12 WHEREAS, the COA also reportedly flagged the lack of record of any income or
13 collection by the BSP from a joint-venture project with property developer Alphaland;

14 WHEREAS, Congress must intensify existing laws on transparency to ensure that
15 government funds are properly used for their mandated purpose;

16 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
17 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Commission on
18 Audit report that the Boy Scouts of the Philippines spent little on scouting activities despite its
19 huge income in 2013 and 2014.

Adopted,


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