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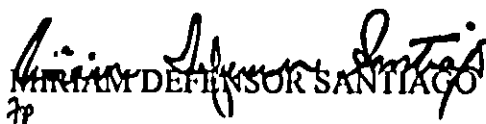
Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT PLASTIC WASTE REMAINS A PROBLEM
IN MAKATI CITY DESPITE A LOCAL BAN

- 1 WHEREAS, the Constitution provides, in Article 2, Sections 15 and 16:
- 2 Section 15. The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the
3 people and instill health consciousness among them.
- 4 Section 16. The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a
5 balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.
- 6 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 29 November 2015 reported that plastic waste
7 remains a huge problem of Makati City despite the implementation of an ordinance banning the
8 use of plastics in packaging;
- 9 WHEREAS, the *Bulletin* quoted the latest Makati Waste Analysis and Characterization
10 Study, which showed that plastic waste consisted 19.92 percent of the total garbage collected in
11 the city, following kitchen waste at 29.23 percent and paper at 22.87 percent;
- 12 WHEREAS, acting Makati Mayor Romulo Peña claimed that sustained stakeholder
13 support for the city-wide plastic ban and its advocacy for recycling will produce positive
14 outcomes, including reduction of flooding in the city;
- 15 WHEREAS, Congress must address the persistent use of plastics by some cities despite
16 local policies, and consider a law totally banning the plastics for packaging;
- 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 plastic
19 is still among top waste in Makati City despite ban.

Adopted,

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