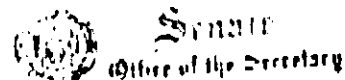


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT A ₱2.28 BILLION ROAD THROUGH SIERRA MADRE IS SET
TO BE BUILT DESPITE PROTESTS

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

4 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 26 November 2015 reported that, despite
5 opposition, the construction of an 82-kilometer road through the protected Sierra Madre
6 Mountains will start in December to open access to three coastal towns in Isabela;

7 WHEREAS, the ₱2.28 billion project will allegedly pass through the foothills of the
8 359,486-hectare Sierra Madre mountain ranges and will take three years to complete;

9 WHEREAS, officials and civil society leaders fear that the project may damage its forests
10 and ecosystems, and have urged Isabela officials to ensure that the Sierra Madre will be
11 protected while the road is being built;

12 WHEREAS, the government is duty-bound to ensure that infrastructure must always be
13 developed without jeopardizing environmental protection;

14 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
15 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that a
16 ₱2.28 billion road through Sierra Madre is set to be built despite protests.

Adopted,

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