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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE**  
**TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,**  
**ON THE REPORT THAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND CONVERSION**  
**ARE KILLING COFFEE FARMS IN BATAAN**

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution provides:

2 Article 2. Section 16. The State shall protect and advance the right of the  
3 people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and  
4 harmony of nature.

5 Article 13. Section 5. The State shall recognize the right of farmers,  
6 farmworkers, and landowners, as well as cooperatives, and other independent  
7 farmers' organizations to participate in the planning, organization, and  
8 management of the program, and shall provide support to agriculture through  
9 appropriate technology and research, and adequate financial, production,  
10 marketing, and other support services.

11 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 22 November 2015 reported that the yearly  
12 production of coffee in Orani, Bataan has been decreased greatly due to climate change and the  
13 alarming and unabated conversion of agricultural lands into resorts and other commercial  
14 establishments;

15 WHEREAS, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) claimed that wide areas of  
16 agricultural lands in Barangay Tala that used to be the planting area of local coffee farmers have  
17 gradually diminished to the benefit of only a few businessmen;

18 WHEREAS, from 60 tons in 2010, the yearly production of coffee in Barangay Tala has  
19 reportedly declined to 10 tons because coffee farmlands are being converted for commercial,  
20 poultry, and resort purposes;

21 WHEREAS, climate change is also contributing to the decrease in coffee production in  
22 the area once known as the virgin forest and watershed of Bataan, since coffee plants favour cool  
23 weather;

1           WHEREAS, coffee growers have allegedly opted to burn their farms and resort to  
2 charcoal making as charcoal commands a higher price than their coffee beans;

3           WHEREAS, the government should provide appropriate technological support to farmers  
4 whose lands or crops are adversely affected by climate change;

5           WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
6 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that  
7 climate change and land conversion are killing coffee farms in Bataan.

Adopted,

  
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