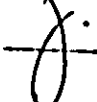


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT THE PHILIPPINE TARSIER HAS BEEN LISTED
AS ONE OF THE MOST ENDANGERED PRIMATES IN THE WORLD

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 provides: "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 25 November 2015 reported that the
5 Philippine tarsier has, for the first time, joined more than half the world's primates—including
6 apes, lemurs and monkeys—in the list of animals facing extinction;

7 WHEREAS, the news quoted international experts who met in Singapore, and who
8 agreed that the Philippine tarsier, along with the Lavasoa Mountains dwarf lemur from
9 Madagascar, are now at risk as a result of large-scale habitat destruction, as well as the hunting
10 of primates for food and the illegal wildlife trade;

11 WHEREAS, the Senate must consider the "most endangered" status of the Philippine
12 tarsier as an indicator of the declining health of Philippine wildlife;

13 WHEREAS, the Philippine tarsier is one of the most popular species in the country,
14 attracting tourists and therefore generating jobs;

15 WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Natural
16 Resources, must identify policies to address the impending extinction of the Philippine tarsier;

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 the
19 Philippine tarsier has been listed as one of the most endangered primates in the world.

Adopted,


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