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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT THE PHILIPPINES IS FOURTH AMONG COUNTRIES MOST
VULNERABLE TO NATURAL DISASTERS

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides: "The maintenance of peace
2 and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare
3 are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

4 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 25 November 2015, reported that the
5 Philippines placed fourth among countries most hit by typhoons and other natural disasters;

6 WHEREAS, the *Inquirer* quoted a study conducted by the Geneva-based United Nations
7 Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), which claimed that the Philippines was affected
8 by 274 weather-related calamities during from 1995 to 2015;

9 WHEREAS, the UNISDR warned that weather and climate changes are major drivers of
10 disaster risks, with effects on economic losses and damage to critical infrastructure, including
11 schools and hospitals;

12 WHEREAS, the Congress must fast-track reforms in the disaster risk reduction and
13 management framework of the government in order to avert loss of lives and property to natural
14 disasters;

15 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
16 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that the
17 Philippines is fourth among countries most vulnerable to natural disasters.

Adopted,

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