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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN
RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN
AND FAMILY RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION
ON THE PROLIFERATION OF CYBERSEX OPERATIONS
INVOLVING WOMEN AND CHILDREN

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 11 states that: "The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights";

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 13 further states that: "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs";

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9208, otherwise known as the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003, states that: "It is hereby declared that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees the respect of individual rights. In pursuit of this policy, the State shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures and development of programs that will promote human dignity, protect the people from any threat of violence and exploitation, eliminate trafficking in persons, and mitigate pressures for involuntary migration and servitude of persons, not only to support trafficked persons but more importantly, to ensure their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration into the mainstream of society x x x";

WHEREAS, according to Catanduanes Rep. Joseph Santiago, thousands of Filipino women and even children have been lured by cybersex operators based on the registry of www.adultfriendfinder.com, a popular website peddling sexual activities via the Internet;

WHEREAS, based on this website, the Philippines has the world's 15th and Asia's 2nd largest list of possible sexual partners over the Internet;

WHEREAS, NBI Special Investigator Ross Dantes said that Internet pornography models have become more sophisticated in their trade by engaging in "freelancing"; instead of having managers or being part of a group, a "freelance model" could simply go to an Internet café, log on to chatrooms, and connect with potential customers;


WHEREAS, NBI Anti-Fraud and Computer Crimes Division Chief Efren Meneses, Jr. confirmed reports that around 200,000 Filipinos had been lured into cybersex, because of the huge amount of money involved; cybersex workers reportedly earn a minimum of \$3 per minute;

WHEREAS, aside from the easy money, cybersex den operators lure women by providing them with food, airconditioned rooms, laundry service, and even maids;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the government to protect women, especially minors, from all forms of exploitation, including cybersex operations;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Senate Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development and the Senate Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the proliferation of cybersex operations involving women and children.

Adopted,


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