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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED MANIPULATION BY MRS. GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO AND THE PARTICIPATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN THE MANEUVER OF THE IMPEACHMENT COMPLAINT FILED IN JULY 2005 AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2005, Atty. Oliver O. Lozano, a private lawyer, filed an impeachment complaint against Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo at the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2005, Congressman Rodante D. Marcoleta, sectoral representative of party-list Alagad endorsed the said complaint;

WHEREAS, in a media conference last August 30, 2005, former Department of Social Welfare and Development Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman, revealed the manipulation of Mrs. Arroyo in the impeachment complaint filed against the latter in the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, according to former Sec. Soliman, the event happened on the evening of June 27, 2005, after Mrs. Arroyo appeared in the national television to admit that the voice in the so-called "GMA-Garci" tape is hers and that she talked to a Comelec official during the canvassing of the 2004 elections;

WHEREAS, in her statement, former Sec. Soliman recounted that on the said night, Mrs. Arroyo was informed by her political adviser, Secretary Gabriel S. Claudio, that Atty. Lozano had filed an impeachment complaint;

WHEREAS, when asked by Mrs. Arroyo if the complaint had already been endorsed, Sec. Claudio replied in the negative;

WHEREAS, at that instance, Mrs. Arroyo instructed Sec. Claudio to have the impeachment complaint endorsed to which the latter replied by saying that he will talk to Cong. Marcoleta;

WHEREAS, the said manipulation and conspiracy is believed to be undertaken to suppress and preempt a genuine impeachment process against Mrs. Arroyo;

WHEREAS, the alleged conversation is a testimony of impeachment maneuvering by the cohorts of the administration, led by no less than the respondent to the complaint herself, the President of the country;

Now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Senate Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the alleged manipulation by Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and the participation of certain public officials in the maneuver of the impeachment complaint filed in July 2005 against the President of the Republic of the Philippines.


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator