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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LIABILITIES OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ALLEGED DRUG COMPOUND IN BRGY. PALATIW, PASIG CITY, TO INCLUDE THE LIABILITIES OF THE FOLLOWING: THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT; THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (PDEA), THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP); THE MAYOR OF PASIG CITY; AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF BRGY. PALATIW, AMONG OTHERS

WHEREAS, according to a news report in the 11 February 2006 issue of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, more than 150 operatives from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) raided an alleged drug compound in Sitio Mapayapa, Brgy. Palatiw, Pasig City, last 10 February 2006;

WHEREAS, according to an 11 February 2006 issue of the *Philippine Star*, the police arrested more than 200 people, including women and children, who were reportedly caught in *flagrante delicto* of buying, selling, and sniffing *shabu*, an illegal drug;

WHEREAS, the compound is allegedly composed of numerous "one-stop-shop *shabu* restaurants" where users could rent *shabu* paraphernalia and buy drugs at P5,000 per gram; these restaurants had reportedly been operating for almost a year prior to the raid;

WHEREAS, the compound allegedly charged an entrance fee of P10 per person, and a group entrance fee of P30 for five people; allegedly, it used to be manned by four men armed with guns; a sign in Filipino that was reportedly posted at the compound prescribed the following penalties for those who refuse to pay for the drugs: first offense, confinement in the toilet for one week; second offense, P1,000 fine; and third offense, "you will be turned into a dart board";

WHEREAS, according to the police, the magnitude of the illegal drug operations is shown by the fact that during the surveillance they conducted before the raid, at least 100 people went into the compound in just a span of five minutes;

WHEREAS, the compound is located a few blocks from the Pasig City Police Precint 20 and just 500 meters away from the Eastern Police District (EPD) headquarters along Caruncho Avenue;

WHEREAS, the entire seven-man force of the EPD headquarters and the Pasig police anti-narcotics team were sacked for failing to detect what National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) chief Director Vidal Querol called "a flea market of illegal drugs

activity”; the sacked police operatives are also being investigated for possible negligence or connivance with the drug dens’ operators;

WHEREAS, according to the *Inquirer* news report, citing a study by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Philippines is one of the world’s three largest producers of methamphetamine or *shabu*;

WHEREAS, an earlier UNODC report showed that based on 2000 figures, 2.8 percent of Filipinos aged 15 to 24 were *shabu* users; illegal drugs in the Philippines has become a P216-billion to P432-billion industry;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, Section 2, the government shall pursue an intensive and unrelenting campaign against the trafficking and use of dangerous drugs and other similar substances through an integrated system of planning, implementation, and enforcement of anti-drug abuse policies, programs, and projects;

WHEREAS, under R.A. No. 9165, Section 6, the penalty of 12 years and one day to 20 years of imprisonment and a fine ranging from P100,000 to P500,000 shall be imposed upon any person, who acts as a “protector/coddler” of any person or group of persons who maintain a den, dive, or resort where any dangerous drug is used or sold in any form;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 3019, or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, Section 3 (e), the act of a public officer of “causing any undue injury to any party, including the Government, or giving any private party any unwarranted benefits, advantage or preference in the discharge of his official administrative or judicial functions through manifest partiality, evident bad faith or gross inexcusable negligence,” constitutes corrupt practice and is unlawful; under Section 9 (a), such is punishable with imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than ten years, perpetual disqualification from public office, and confiscation or forfeiture in favor of the Government of any prohibited interest and unexplained wealth manifestly out of proportion to his salary and other lawful income;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Senate to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the liabilities of certain public officials for the operation of the alleged drug compound in Brgy. Palatiw, Pasig City, to include the liabilities of the following: the secretary of Interior and Local Government; the director general of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA); the director general of the Philippine National Police (PNP); the mayor of Pasig City; and the chairperson of Brgy. Palatiw, among others,

Approved,


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