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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE  
FORECASTED GROWTH OF THE AGING POPULATION IN THE  
SUCCEEDING DECADES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 15, Section 4, states that "The family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security";

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 13, Section 11, also states that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers";

WHEREAS, in an article in the 29 March 2006 issue of the *Philippine Star*, Eduardo Klein of the HelpAge International said that one out of 34 persons will belong to the elderly population in the Asian region by the year 2015;

WHEREAS, the United Nations (UN) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific forecasts that the elderly population in Asia will double from 332 million in 2000 to about 705 million in 2025; according to the UN, by 2025, the total population of Asia will grow by one percent a year, while the population of people aged 60 and above will grow by 3.1 percent;

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) reported a recent increase in the incidence of abuses and abandonment of the elderly;

WHEREAS, to preemptively cope with this imminent demographic phenomenon, there is a need to improve and fortify Republic Act No. 9257, also known as the Senior Citizens Act;

WHEREAS, the State, while espousing the Filipino family as the country's foundation, should ensure that its senior citizens continue to live comfortably in their twilight years; now be it

RESOLVED, that the proper Senate committee shall conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the forecasted growth of the aging population in the succeeding decades.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO