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Introduced by: Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.

**RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE GUIMARAS OIL
SPILL WITH THE END VIEW OF FORMULATING LEGISLATION TO PREVENT
SIMILAR CALAMITIES FROM REOCCURRING**

WHEREAS, it is the state's policy to achieve and maintain such levels of air and water quality as to protect public health and to prevent to the greatest extent practicable, the depletion of our environment and natural resources;

WHEREAS, any deliberate, negligent or accidental release of oil and other harmful substances from ships and other sea vessels constitutes a serious source of pollution, affecting the human environment in general and the marine environment in particular;

WHEREAS, on Friday, August 11, 2006 at 4:00 in the afternoon, Motor Tanker Solar I; a 998 gross-ton seacraft owned and operated by Sunshine Maritime sank 10 nautical miles south of Guimaras Island, Iloilo

WHEREAS, the sinking of the Solar-I has caused two million liters of bunker fuel oil to spill into the water surrounding Guimaras Island, which is to date, the largest oil spill our country has experienced

WHEREAS, the Philippine Coast Guard has speculated that it could take more than a year to clean up this oil spill and poses a direct threat to the rich marine resources in the area and could affect Boracay Island in Aklan province, as well as the Panay and Negros islands. *Now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, Directing The Senate Committee On Environment And Natural Resources To Investigate, In Aid Of Legislation, The Guimaras Oil Spill With The End View Of Formulating Legislation To Prevent Similar Calamities From Reoccurring

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.