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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE MIGRATION OF FILIPINO HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, in the 13th Congress, the Senate Committee on Health and Environment submitted a committee report with recommendations to curb the current problem of migration;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is continuing to experience a massive exodus of health human resources posing a grave threat to the health care system of the country;

WHEREAS, the country has become a major source of health human resources, particularly nurses and doctors, to other nations because of our fluency in English, skills and training, care for patients and dedication to work ;

WHEREAS, it has been reported that the Philippines is the number one exporter of nurses and the second major exporter of physicians;

WHEREAS, there are about 87,852 nurses who left the country from 1992- 2003, not to mention a large number who were not documented and who bypassed the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA);

WHEREAS, there is an estimated 3,500 medical doctors who left the country and work as nurses in the year 2000 and another 4,000 physicians who are enrolled in nursing schools;

WHEREAS, these nurses and medical doctors are among the best-educated and most-experienced ones creating a shortage of qualified nurses and doctors in hospitals;

WHEREAS, the continuing exodus of our health human resources creates a crisis in the health care system of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, to improve the quality of health care services provided to the Filipino people, there is a need to resolve the health care crisis brought about by the massive migration of our health human resources;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Committee on Health and Demography to look into, in aid of legislation, the existing programs of the government to address the massive migration of our Filipino health care resources.

Adopted,


PIA S. CAYETANO
Senator