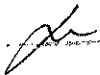


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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALARMING PROLIFERATION OF LOCAL INTERNET WEBSITES AND GROUPS THAT DISTRIBUTE PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INTRODUCING REMEDIAL MEASURES TO PENALIZE INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY**

*WHEREAS*, it is the policy of the State to value the dignity of every human person and guarantee full respect for human rights;

*WHEREAS*, the Constitution also provides that "the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being";

*WHEREAS*, Article 201 of the Revised Penal Code penalizes immoral doctrines, obscene publications and exhibitions and indecent shows, with the penalty of *prision mayor* or a fine ranging from six thousand (6,000) to twelve thousand (12,000) pesos, or both, shall be imposed upon those who exhibit indecent or immoral plays, scenes, acts or shows, whether live or in film, in theaters, fairs, cinematographs or any other place;

*WHEREAS*, there are strong indications that local internet pornography, oftentimes leading to prostitution, has become morally and socially intolerable, victimizing Filipino women and girls and corrupting the minds of children;

*WHEREAS*, local internet websites and groups, which provide users, including minors, free access to extremely hardcore pornographic materials of Filipino women and girls, grow at a disturbing speed;

*WHEREAS*, such sites and groups purportedly distribute through electronic mails pdf-versions of adult magazines, copies of pornographic movies, "sex scandal-type" videos and popularly termed "boso pics" or pictures of unaware Filipinas at malls, jeepneys and other places;

*WHEREAS*, there are complaints of resurgence of such internet groups after reportedly being shut down;

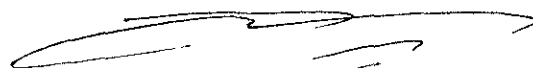
*WHEREAS*, there is a need to revisit existing laws, rules and regulations to determine whether the present policy framework can effectively monitor and address

the problem of internet pornography, which uses modern information and communications technology unlike other forms of pornography;

*WHEREAS*, it is incumbent upon Congress to uphold the dignity of Filipino women and to protect minors from indecent and immoral materials conveyed through computer technology;

*NOW BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED*, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Information and Mass Media to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the alarming proliferation of local internet websites and groups that distribute pornographic materials, with the end in view of introducing remedial measures to penalize internet pornography.

Adopted,



**LOREN LEGARDA**

Senator