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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO
INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED RISING INSTANCES
OF CHILD-ORGAN TRAFFICKING IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 states, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, ABS-CBN News, in a report entitled "NBI Raises Alarm on Child-Organ Trafficking", claimed that the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) allegedly reported that organ smugglers have reached a new low; they now kidnap children and take them abroad to use as organ donors;

WHEREAS, according to the NBI's Human Trafficking Division, Middle Eastern nationals are allegedly the usual clients of human smugglers;

WHEREAS, it was also reported that the abducted children are housed somewhere in Mindanao where the victims are provided with vitamin supplements to keep their internal organs healthy, and are then transported outside the country to undergo surgery for organ transplants;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the selling of human organs has become uncontrollable – there were even instances when parents themselves gave their children to organ smugglers in exchange for money;

WHEREAS, the NBI likewise claimed that there was also an increasing trend, where organ selling transactions are blatantly advertised in the Internet and that aside from children, Filipinas seeking domestic jobs abroad are sometimes duped by their recruiters for slavery and prostitution;

WHEREAS, though kidnapping children is already appalling, harvesting their organs is even more detestable;

WHEREAS, it is the State's duty to ensure that this detestable illegal practice is completely stopped, such as by raising the penalties for illegal organ trafficking that came from a minor and by strengthening laws that govern procedures on catching smugglers;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate committee to investigate, in aid of legislation, the alleged rising instances of child-organ trafficking in the country.

Adopted,

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MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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