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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED CONTINUED ILLEGAL DEPLOYMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS TO IRAQ AND OTHER WAR-TORN COUNTRIES DESPITE A COMPLETE BAN IMPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Art. 11, Sec. 18, provides: "The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect the right of workers and promote their welfare";

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Art. 13, Sec. 3, also provides: "The State shall afford full protection to labor, local and overseas, organized and unorganized, and promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all. x x x";

WHEREAS, it has been a growing and well-known concern that despite the announcement of the government of a complete ban in the deployment of Filipino workers to Iraq and other war-torn countries, illegal deployment still persists;

WHEREAS, Filipino workers are supposedly prohibited from working in these countries because of unstable political and peace and order conditions; the government purportedly no longer process the application of workers for these countries, but Filipinos who have been working in these countries would not be forcibly evacuated;

WHEREAS, despite the ban and the government's efforts to go after illegal recruiters who facilitate the workers' departure from the Philippines to these countries, illegal deployment of overseas Filipino workers in these countries continue unabated;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged continued illegal deployment of overseas Filipino workers to war-torn countries despite a complete ban imposed by the government.

Approved,

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