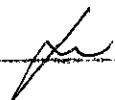


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CREATION OF GUIDELINES AND LAUNCH  
OF AN INFORMATION CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROPER STORAGE, RECYCLING,  
AND DISPOSAL OF USED PLASTIC CONTAINERS OF CHEMICAL FARM  
IMPLEMENTS

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

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article II, Section 16 states that, "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* in its 11 March 2009 issue reported that decades of chemical farming, specifically the improper storage, recycling and disposal of empty plastic containers of chemical farm implements, have resulted in hazardous habits that threaten the environment and health;

WHEREAS, these plastic containers were reportedly used as food and water containers or are stored near waterways, posing as threats of food and water poisoning;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the Benguet State University (BSU), with the aid of research-based agricultural companies, have trained fourteens sitios in the area to help ensure that empty plastic pesticide containers are properly disposed of;

WHEREAS, Dr. Carlito Laurean of the BSU allegedly said that it should be emphasized that these plastic containers should not be used as food and water containers, and that these containers should undergo thorough washing or triple rinsing so as not to contaminate waterways;

WHEREAS, Laurean also reportedly stressed that the containers could be recycled as construction materials, such as hollow blocks, and may also be incinerated only under 800-degrees Celsius or higher so that they would not emit toxic fumes;

WHEREAS, both the academe and the research-based companies should be commended for their work in organizing and informing the local community in Benguet of the environmental and health hazards posed by used plastic containers of chemical farm implements;

WHEREAS, this program should be emulated by other agricultural communities that more or less use the same containers for their chemical implements so as to protect their ecosystem's and their own personal well being;

WHEREAS, legislation should issue measures and promulgate programs to ensure that the proper storage, recycling, and disposal of these containers would be carried out across the country, and that similar punitive measures would be exacted for violators:

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved in the Philippine Senate, to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the creation of guidelines and launch of an information campaign for the proper storage, recycling, and disposal of used plastic containers of chemical farm implements.

Adopted,

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