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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON ILLEGAL DOGFIGHTS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STEMMING THE SPREAD OF THE UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY AND ENDING ANIMAL CRUELTY AS EMBODIED IN THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF 1998**

*Whereas*, Sec. 6 of the Animal Welfare Act of 1998 (Republic Act No. 8485) provides that, "It shall be unlawful for any person to torture any animal, to neglect to provide adequate care, sustenance or shelter, or maltreat any animal or to subject any dog or horse to dogfights or horsefights XXX";

*Whereas*, dogfighting is a blood "sport" in which two dogs are pitted against each other in a fighting pit and forced to rip each other to shreds in a fight to the death for the "amusement" and monetary gain of onlooking gamblers<sup>1</sup>;

*Whereas*, animal advocates consider dog fighting to be one of the most serious forms of animal abuse, not only for the violence that the dogs endure during and after the fights, but because of the suffering they often endure in training;

*Whereas*, the injuries inflicted and sustained by dogs participating in dogfights are frequently severe, even fatal;

*Whereas*, dogs used in these events often die of blood loss, shock, dehydration, exhaustion, or infection hours or even days after the fight;

*Whereas*, organized and underground dogfights is not only an issue of animal cruelty, but also represents a criminal subculture that can involve gang activity, illegal gambling, drug use, and drug dealing: Now therefore be it

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.peta2.com/TAKECHARGE/t\\_factsheet\\_dogfights.asp](http://www.peta2.com/TAKECHARGE/t_factsheet_dogfights.asp)

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs and other appropriate committees, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on illegal dogfights, with the end in view of stemming the spread of the underground activity and ending animal cruelty as embodied in the Animal Welfare Act of 1998.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Manny Villar', written in a cursive style.

**MANNY VILLAR**  
Senator