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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND AND HELPAGE INTERNATIONAL URGING COUNTRIES TO CREATE LAWS THAT WILL EXTEND THE YEARS OF HEALTH OF OLDER PEOPLE

WHEREAS, according to various reports, the world celebrates International Day of Older Persons every October 1;

WHEREAS, various news agencies, such as Agence France-Presse, reported last 1 October 2012 that the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and HelpAge International urged countries to improve medical provisions to extend the years of health that older people can enjoy;

WHEREAS, the UNFPA reportedly commented that governments in developing countries have not put policies and practices in place to support their current older populations;

WHEREAS, the report warned that the skills and knowledge older people possess go to waste, with many of them under-employed and vulnerable to discrimination, abuse, and violence at work and in the home;

WHEREAS, the report also commented that many of the world's elderly also live in poverty and have difficulty accessing medical care, making them vulnerable to chronic conditions such as hypertension;

WHEREAS, the international agencies called for governments and the public to end "these destructive practices and to invest in older people", and called for wider use of basic social programs, including affordable medical care for elders, as well as the abolition of a mandatory retirement age;

WHEREAS, Congress should look into this report and create appropriate measures, as well as augment existing legislation, to benefit the country's elderly population;

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 report from the United Nations Population Fund and HelpAge International urging countries to create laws that will extend the years of health of older people.

Adopted,

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MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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