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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 NEED TO ENACT MEASURES TO CURB THE  
YEARLY RISE OF DENGUE CASES IN THE COUNTRY

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

WHEREAS, according to the 20 September 2010 news report published in the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, 3,000 students and 108 teachers of Kidapawan City Pilot Elementary School (KCPES) launched a campaign to raise funds to help check the rising incidence of dengue fever ;

WHEREAS, Shirley Dua, principal of KCPES reportedly said that each pupil contributed 25 centavos a week and their teachers, P10 per month, to pay for the services of a garbage collector who will maintain the school's cleanliness; the contributions were approved during an emergency meeting of the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) as its "best way" of accomplishing an intensified sanitation drive to prevent the mosquito-borne disease;

WHEREAS, the report stated that the school had recently received 70 rolls of Olyset nets, an antidengue insecticidal net manufactured in Japan, from the Department of Health (DoH); the net fibers, which are laced with insecticide could last five years and were draped on classroom windows;

WHEREAS, according to the report, dengue fever has claimed the lives of at least 16 people and has afflicted 3,909 others in North Cotabato; of these cases, 1,032 are from Kidapawan City;

WHEREAS, it was also reported that the DoH in Western Visayas called on concerned sectors to continue their vigilance against dengue fever although the number of cases has continued to dropping the last three weeks;

WHEREAS, the report noted, however, that there has been an upward trend in the past two weeks in Aklan in contrast to the slight decline in the number of cases in Iloilo and Negros Occidental;

WHEREAS, the DoH has also identified five dengue fever hotspots in Negros Occidental, barangay Lag-asan in Bago City, Daga and Luna in Cadiz City, Minoyan in Murcia and E. Lopez in Silay City; there were also 13 hotspots in Bacolod City, barangay Banago, Bata, Estefania, Handumanan, Mansilingan, Taculing, Tangub, Villamonte, Singcang, Sum-ag, Alijis, Vista Alegre and Punta Taytay;

WHEREAS, in a report submitted by the DoH on a comparative study of dengue cases from 2009 to 2010, there was increase of 287.38% in Region 1, 94.43% increase in Region IV-A, 4.90 increase in NCR, 197.49 increase in Region XII, and a 1,567.55 increase in Region VIII;

WHEREAS, the DoH report also stated that the total number of dengue cases in the country is 84,023, which is 117.73% higher that same period in 2009; but that the number of deaths, which have totaled to 567, is lower by 1.1% in 2009;

WHEREAS, although it is commendable that the teachers and students have shown initiative in continuing the cleanliness campaign against dengue, and that the DoH has taken action in addressing dengue and dengue hemorrhagic fever; the alarming increase in dengue cases, however, should serve as a warning and a challenge to heighten government and community efforts to combat this illness;

WHEREAS, the government should see to it that garbage collection happens on a regular basis, and that schools pro-actively contribute to the cleaning of their surroundings;

WHEREAS, the legislature should enact measures to curb the yearly rise of dengue cases;

WHEREAS, environmental awareness, cleanliness, and sanitation importance should be taught with significance in all schools; likewise, parents should be also made aware of such;

WHEREAS, sanctions should be given to people who disregard the cleanliness of their environment, while, those who ensure the cleanliness of their surroundings should be commended;

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 need to enact measures to curb the yearly rise of dengue cases in the country.

Adopted,

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