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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO PROTECT SEA
TURTLES ENDEMIC TO THE PHILIPPINES AND TO ESTABLISH
PROTECTED AREAS FOR THEIR NESTING GROUNDS

WHEREAS, several coastal areas in the Philippines, including but not limited to Mati City, Davao Oriental and Sariaya, Quezon Province, serve as the natural nesting grounds of various species of sea turtles endemic to the country;

WHEREAS, the lack of guidelines and legislation to protect endemic sea turtles and preserve their nesting grounds has allowed the practices of local businesses and the actions of locals to endanger sea turtles' young;

WHEREAS, sea turtles are classified as Endangered under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species;

WHEREAS, the protection of our endemic sea turtles is of utmost importance, locally and internationally, to the proliferation of the species;

WHEREAS, protecting sea turtles has become an international environmental concern justifying the prioritization of the safeguarding of their young;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect and advance a balanced and healthful ecology, and, as such, it is in the interest of the State to provide legal remedies that will ensure the proliferation of our endemic species of sea turtles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the proper senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the need to protect sea turtles endemic to the Philippines and to establish protected areas for their nesting grounds.

ADOPTED,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator 