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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
URGING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN
AID OF LEGISLATION REGARDING THE GRANTING OF HOSPITALIZATION
PRIVILEGES AND OTHER BENEFITS TO ALL BARANGAY HEALTH
WORKERS

WHEREAS, according to Republic Act No. 7883 ("R.A. 7883") otherwise known as Barangay Health Workers' Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995, Barangay Health Workers refers to a person who has undergone training programs under any accredited government and non-government organization and who voluntarily renders primarily health care services in the community after having been accredited to function as such by the local health board in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Department of Health (DOH);

WHEREAS, R.A. 7883 also states that all accredited and active barangay health workers who regularly perform their duties are entitled to hazard allowance, subsistence allowance, civil service eligibility, free legal services and preferential access to loan;

WHEREAS, they are considered as guardians of the nation's health because they assist physicians, dentists, nutritionists, public health nurses and midwives in localities with people that do not normally have proper medical attention;

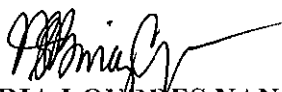
WHEREAS, as of 3 June 2014, there are several pending bills in the upper house related to benefits of barangay health workers;

WHEREAS, in the course of the duties and responsibilities of barangay health workers, they are undoubtedly exposed to different threats to their well-being particularly their health, which in turn may cause illness that would eventually lead to hospitalization;

WHEREAS, considering the high cost of hospitalization, we must grant additional benefits and incentives for barangay health workers who valiantly volunteer and expose themselves to perils for measly allowances.

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Philippine Senate to urge the proper Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation regarding the granting of hospitalization privileges and other benefits to all barangay health workers.

Adopted,

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MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY