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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 REPORTED NEED FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO  
CREATE MEASURES TO PREVENT ENTIRE FAMILIES IN DEPRESSED AREAS TO  
PARTICIPATE IN CRIME

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides, "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

WHEREAS, furthermore, Republic Act No. 10591 or the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act, Article 1, Section 2 states that, "It is the policy of the State to maintain peace and order and protect the people against violence... the State shall provide for a comprehensive law regulating the ownership, possession, carrying, manufacture, dealing in and importation of firearms, ammunition, or parts thereof, in order to provide legal support to law enforcement agencies in their campaign against crime, stop the proliferation of illegal firearms or weapons and the illegal manufacture of firearms or weapons, ammunition and parts thereof";

WHEREAS, an article from Inquirer.net, posted on 7 June 2014, reported that a couple and their two children were among the eight people arrested in Caloocan City last 5 June 2014 for being into an unusual home-based enterprise: packing marijuana;

WHEREAS, in a report by Chief Insp. Ronald Perilla, head of the National Police District's Special Operations Unit, the suspects' activities were discovered by the police by accident;

WHEREAS, it all reportedly started around 11 p.m. in Vanguard, Camarin where a Caloocan police team spotted and tried to accost a man carrying an improvised shotgun in the street, who then ran off before a chase ensued;

WHEREAS, the man allegedly went into one of the suspects' house, where the police later caught the family and the other suspects in the act of packing blocks of dried marijuana into small sachets;

WHEREAS, investigators reportedly later learned that the marijuana was sold by the suspects themselves to users in the neighborhood;

WHEREAS, it was reported that items seized from the suspects were the improvised shotgun, three sachets containing a substance suspected to be "shabu," and the marijuana blocks, which exact volume were not yet known when Perilla made the report;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that areas that are high-risk when it comes to crimes and drug trafficking must be strictly monitored;

WHEREAS, the State should consider deploying additional police force to these areas to decrease the possibility of criminal acts being conducted, especially by an entire family or community;

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 reported need for the government to create measures to prevent entire families in depressed areas to participate in crime.

Adopted,

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