

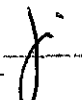
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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

#### RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASED STRAY BULLET INCIDENTS DURING THE 2014 HOLIDAYS AND THE FAILURE OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE USE OF FIREARMS

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

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, in its 4 January 2015 issue, reported that the stray bullet incidents during the holidays have shot up to 61 with one death and 43 injuries;

WHEREAS, according to the same article, said figures were more than double the 30 incidents reported during the 2013 holidays;

WHEREAS, Philippine National Police (PNP) spokesperson Chief Supt. Wilben Mayor reportedly said that 17 persons were arrested for indiscriminate firing, seven of which were policemen and four of which were security guards;

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* also reported, in its 5 January 2015 issue, an incident of indiscriminate firing, which went viral on Facebook after a netizen posted photographs of a shooting spree shortly after the New Year revelry;

WHEREAS, such blatant display of irresponsible behavior is indicative of eroding respect to our gun control laws and enforcement agencies;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act. No. 10591, the PNP is the agency primarily tasked to regulate the use, ownership and possession of firearms and ammunitions;

WHEREAS, the rising number of stray bullet incidents is a failure on the part of the PNP to perform its mandate of promoting the responsible use of firearms resulting in undue harm to our citizens;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the rising number of stray bullet incidents during the 2014 holidays and the failure of the Philippine National Police to promote responsible use of firearms.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO