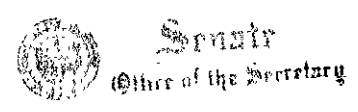


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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTS THAT AIR POLLUTION IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION DURING THE NEW YEAR REVELRY IS THIRTEEN (13) TIMES PAST THE SAFE STANDARDS**

*WHEREAS*, Section 16 of Article II of the Philippine Constitution affirms that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

*WHEREAS*, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources reported that air pollution level in some parts of Metro Manila was thirteen (13) times above safe level following the New Year festivities;

*WHEREAS*, Las Piñas and Marikina registered air pollution levels of around 2,000 ug/Ncm (micrograms per normal cubic meter of air) on the first morning of 2015, that is 13 times above the 150 ug/Ncm level, which is deemed safe by World Health Organization standards;

*WHEREAS*, the alarming increase in air pollution was credited mainly to the copious use of fireworks and pyrotechnics on New Year's Eve;

*WHEREAS*, there is a need to call for an inquiry regarding this matter to identify potential legislative measures that will safeguard our citizens on the worsening air pollution threatening the country's main metropolis;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved*, That the Philippine Senate directs the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and other appropriate senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reports that air pollution in the National Capital Region during the New Year revelry is thirteen (13) times past the safe standards

*Adopted,*

  
MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID