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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID  
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT DRUGS ARE PREVALENT AT THE  
COLLEGE OF SAINT BENILDE

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, Republic Act No. 9165, Section 2 states: "It is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs on their physical and mental well-being, and to defend the same against acts or omissions detrimental to their development and preservation..."

WHEREAS, *Inquirer.net*, in an opinion piece posted on 17 February 2015, reported that prohibited drugs are sold by some students of College of St. Benilde (CSB) on and off campus;

WHEREAS, *Inquirer* columnist Ramon Tulfo claimed that he learned about the drug deals from his daughter and her classmates who are students of CSB;

WHEREAS, Tulfo's daughter reportedly admitted to his wife that she had taken Valium, a depressant, which she allegedly bought from her classmates at CSB;

WHEREAS, the columnist also said he found a sachet of marijuana in the room of her daughter, who claimed that she bought it from a pusher in a coffee shops near the school;

WHEREAS, Tulfo alleged that the coffee shops where students buy drugs from—named Beach, Barn and Plato—remain open despite having been raided by police in the past;

WHEREAS, the columnist claimed that he found out that the students who sell drugs at CSB are from rich or influential families;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for government to ensure that educational institutions are not only free from dangerous drugs, but also campaign against drug use;

WHEREAS, Congress must intensify existing legislation to rid schools of drugs;

WHEREAS, WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that drugs are prevalent at the College of Saint Benilde.

Adopted,

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