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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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1 RESOLUTION  
2 DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID  
3 OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT MOST ROAD ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED  
4 BY HUMAN ERROR

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

8 WHEREAS, the inquirer.net on 6 April 2015 reported that the Philippine National Police  
9 (PNP) said that almost 80 percent of road accidents in the country can be attributed to human  
10 error;

11 WHEREAS, according to data from the PNP Highway Patrol Group (HPG), the factors  
12 contributing to human error in road accidents include speeding, reckless driving, bad overtaking,  
13 and bad turns;

14 WHEREAS, the HPG spokesperson Supt. Elizabeth Velasquez claimed that these  
15 accidents can be attributed to drivers who did not have proper training on driving; Velasquez  
16 also cited statistics from 2014 that 78 percent of road accidents of this year were attributed to  
17 human error;

18 WHEREAS, the report said that there were 15,572 road accidents in 2014, with almost  
19 13,000 of them found to be mistakes of the driver, resulting in 1,252 deaths and injuries to 9,347  
20 persons;

21 WHEREAS, the report further said that in 2012, the country had 9,740 cases of road  
22 accidents, while in 2013, these increased to 12,875;


23 WHEREAS, Velasquez noted that aside from human error, other factors contributing to  
24 road accidents were due to mechanical failure, such as faulty brake systems;

1           WHEREAS, there is a need to review the means to mitigate the causes of injurious road  
2 accidents in the country;

3           WHEREAS, Congress, along with the concerned authorities, should look into PNP's  
4 claim that most road accidents can be attributed to drivers who did not have proper training on  
5 driving;

6           WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
7 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the on the report that  
8 most road accidents are caused by human error.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
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