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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

1 RESOLUTION
2 DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
3 OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL
4 FOREIGN WORKERS IN THE PHILIPPINES

5 WHEREAS, the Constitution further provides, in Article 12, Section 14: "The practice of
6 all professions in the Philippines shall be limited to Filipino citizens, save in cases prescribed by
7 law";

8 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 13, Section 3 provides: "The State shall afford full
9 protection to labor, local and overseas, organized and unorganized, and promote full employment
10 and equality of employment opportunities for all";

11 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 15 April 2015 quoted the Trade Union Congress of
12 the Philippines (TUCP) as saying that more foreigners are entering the country to illegally seek
13 employment in recent years;

14 WHEREAS, TUCP spokesman Alan Tanjusay reportedly estimates that more than 3,500
15 foreigners are working in the country illegally as of press time;

16 WHEREAS, the figure is allegedly expected to increase unless the government takes the
17 necessary measures to control the entry of illegal foreign workers;

18 WHEREAS, Tanjusay further claimed that bulk of undocumented foreign workers are
19 Chinese nationals and others are South Koreans, Japanese, Indonesians, Malaysians and
20 Vietnamese;

1 WHEREAS, the *Star* reported that undocumented foreign workers are often employed in
2 the construction, manufacturing, electronics and services industries in Metro Manila, Central
3 Visayas, Davao region, Zamboanga peninsula, Bataan and Batangas;

4 WHEREAS, TUCP charged that the increasing number of migrants working without
5 government permits and without fulfilling other requirements for alien workers has very serious
6 implications in the current employment and underemployment situation;


7 WHEREAS, the alleged proliferation of illegal foreign workers in the Philippines should
8 be the concern not only of the Bureau of Immigration, but also of the Department of Labor and
9 Employment and other related agencies;

10 WHEREAS, there is cause to review TUCP's proposal for the creation of a multi-agency
11 task force to stop the influx of illegal migrant workers in the country;

12 WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must address the issue of illegal
13 foreign workers in the country, especially as the Philippines continues to register high
14 unemployment and underemployment rates;

15 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
16 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported increase
17 in the number of illegal foreign workers in the Philippines.

Adopted,


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