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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON A MEDICAL STUDY PUBLISHED ON WORLD PNEUMONIA DAY, REGARDING THE PREVALENCE OF PNEUMONIA AS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATHS IN CHILDREN, IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT PNEUMONIA IS ONE OF THE TOP THREE CAUSES OF INFANT MORTALITY IN THE COUNTRY**

1 WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II, of the 1987 Constitution provides that The  
2 State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health  
3 consciousness among them;

4 WHEREAS, according to the Department of Health, the top three leading  
5 causes of infant mortality were Pneumonia (3,146; 14.3%); Bacterial sepsis of  
6 newborn (2,731; 12.4%); and Respiratory distress of newborn (2,347; 10.7%)<sup>1</sup>;

7 WHEREAS, Pneumonia is a common respiratory illness contracted by kids  
8 everywhere, from the United States to South East Asia and is the leading infectious  
9 cause of death among children under five, killing approximately 2,400 children a  
10 day. Pneumonia accounted for approximately 16 per cent of the 5.6 million under-  
11 five deaths, killing around 880,000 children in 2016<sup>2</sup>;

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Socorro P. Lupisan, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine  
13 (RITM) Director and Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) Research Group member  
14 stated that, not many are aware, but pneumonia is the number one killer of children.

<sup>1</sup> Department of Health Website, Mortality: All cases by Age Group, <https://www.doh.gov.ph/mortality>

<sup>2</sup> World Health Organization Website, World Pneumonia Day, <http://www.who.int/life-course/news/events/world-pneumonia-day-2018/en/>

15 It remains to be one of the top five causes of deaths among children, worldwide and  
16 also here in the Philippines<sup>3</sup>;

17 WHEREAS, according to an analysis conducted by researchers at Johns  
18 Hopkins University and aid group Save the Children, pneumonia is likely to kill 11  
19 million children under 5 years of age, by the year 2030<sup>4</sup>;

20 WHEREAS, Pneumonia is one of the leading causes of deaths in children  
21 under five years old despite being easily preventable and treatable<sup>5</sup>;

22 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and UNICEF integrated action plan  
23 aims to treat pneumonia focusing on making sure that every sick child has access to  
24 the right kind of care, either from a community-based health worker, or in a health  
25 facility if the disease is severe, and can get the antibiotics and oxygen they need to  
26 get well<sup>6</sup>;

27 WHEREAS, Congress should strongly consider the results of the study in order  
28 to strengthen existing legislation on awareness and treatment of Pneumonia,  
29 particularly in children;

30 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate  
31 committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on a medical study published  
32 on the World Pneumonia Day, regarding the prevalence of Pneumonia as one of the  
33 leading causes of deaths in children, in light of the fact that Pneumonia is one of the  
34 top three causes of infant mortality in the country.

Adopted,

  
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Senator

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<sup>3</sup> Research Institute for Tropical Medicine Website, The Fight Against Pneumonia Continues..., <http://ritm.gov.ph/the-fight-against-pneumonia-continues/>

<sup>4</sup> New Delhi Television Website, Pneumonia To Kill 11 Million Children By 2030; Causes And Preventive Tips To Know, <https://www.ndtv.com/health/world-pneumonia-day-2018-pneumonia-to-kill-11-million-children-by-2030-causes-and-preventive-tips-to-1945919>

<sup>5</sup> Supra [Citation 2]

<sup>6</sup> World Health Organization Website, Fact Sheet: Pneumonia, <http://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/pneumonia>