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SENATE  
P. S. R. No. 550

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE REPORTED PRESENCE OF ILLEGALLY HARVESTED LOGS  
IN THE PREMISES OF A PRIVATE RESORT AND FISHPOND ALLEGEDLY  
OWNED BY LINGIG, SURIGAO DEL SUR MAYOR ROBERTO LUNA JR.

WHEREAS, in an article in the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, published on 11 April 2006, it was reported that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) seized at least 5,000 pieces of logs from the premises of a private resort and fishpond owned by Lingig, Surigao del Sur Mayor Roberto Luna Jr.;

WHEREAS, DENR Secretary Angelo Reyes reportedly sent a "strike force" from the National Anti-Environmental Crime Task Force (NAECTAF), a newly formed enforcement body, to conduct the raid;

WHEREAS, Samuel Danganan, director for operations of the NAECTAF, reportedly said that the group conducted the raid following weeks of surveillance and data gathering;

WHEREAS, during the raid, the NAECTAF team and four Army platoons reportedly led by Col. Joel Madarang found some 5,000 logs floating in the shore of the resort and piled in the backyard pond of Luna; Danganan said Luna failed to present documents that would show the logs had been legally cut;

WHEREAS, Luna reportedly denied owning the logs found inside his property;

WHEREAS, Atty. Reynante Orceo, NAECTAF legal chief, reportedly said that Luna will be charged with violation of Presidential Decree No. 705 (Revising Presidential Decree No. 389, otherwise known as the Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines);

WHEREAS, Reyes reportedly said that he ordered the logs, which had an estimated worth of P16 million, to be confiscated in favor of the government;

WHEREAS, the government should strengthen its resolve to stop illegal logging in order to protect the environment and prevent manmade disasters caused by illegal logging; now be it

RESOLVED, that the proper Senate committee shall conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported presence of illegally harvested logs in the premises of a private resort and fishpond allegedly owned by Lingig, Surigao del Sur Mayor Roberto Luna Jr.

Adopted,

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MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO