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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE REPORTED DEATHS DUE TO MENINGOCOCCEMIA  
IN TACLOBAN CITY

WHEREAS, a 20 April 2006 article in the *Manila Bulletin*, reported that health authorities in Tacloban City confirmed the death of a salesperson due to suspected meningococemia disease;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lilia Del Pilar of the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) reportedly said that the 23-year-old salesperson of a well-known department store was taken to the hospital on a Friday and died the following day;

WHEREAS, findings reportedly showed that the victim died of the meningococemia disease;

WHEREAS, health authorities reportedly advised that the body be immediately buried after being discharge from the hospital;

WHEREAS, the salesperson was reportedly the first adult to die of meningococemia in the government-run hospital in Tacloban; victims of the meningo disease who died at the EVRMC were mostly children;

WHEREAS, Del Pilar reportedly said that she did not know how the victim was infected by the disease; when the victim was taken to the hospital, the doctors immediately put her in the isolation ward;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DoH) regional office in Eastern Visayas was immediately informed of the incident; it promised to look into the death of the victim;

WHEREAS, last month, a child from Cabucgayan, Biliran reportedly died in the same government-run hospital due to meningococemia;

WHEREAS, the government, through the DoH and other concerned government agencies, should inquire into the reported deaths due to meningococemia to prevent an outbreak of the disease; now be it

RESOLVED, that the proper Senate committee shall conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported deaths due to meningococemia in Tacloban City.

Adopted,

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MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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