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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE MEDICAL STAFF FROM THE VICENTE SOTTO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER BY VIDEOTAPING A RECTAL PROCEDURE ON "DANILO" AND POSTING THE VIDEO ONLINE

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 11, states that "The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights";

WHEREAS, Article 3, Section 3 (1) of the same, also states that "The privacy of communication and correspondence shall be inviolable except upon lawful order of the court, or when public safety or order requires otherwise, as prescribed by law";

WHEREAS, Article 13, Section 1 of the same, also states that "The Congress shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of all the people to human dignity, reduce social, economic, and political inequalities, and remove cultural inequities by equitably diffusing wealth and political power for the common good;"

WHEREAS, it has recently been reported that a surgical team in Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) videotaped a medical procedure on "Danilo" to extract a perfume canister from his rectum with the use of cellular phone without consent from the patient;

WHEREAS, it was shown in the video that the medical staff who attended the surgery, said jokes and jeered as they performed the procedure;

WHEREAS, to compound the crime with ignominy and cause the patient greater personal dishonor and humiliation, the video was posted online with open access to all internet users through YouTube without consent from "Danilo";

WHEREAS, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III condemns the conduct of these medical staff since it is prohibited and violates protocol;

WHEREAS, the perpetration of such abuse, not only against "Danilo" but also against all other patients, should not be allowed to continue;

WHEREAS, a firm stand must be taken to show support to all medical patients undergoing sensitive surgery;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the unprofessional

conduct of the medical staff from the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center by videotaping a rectal procedure on “Danilo” and posting the video online.

Adopted,

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