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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE POOR LIVING CONDITIONS IN JAILS AT  
THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES  
COMPOUND IN CAMP AGUINALDO

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 2, Section 15 of the same states that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, according to the 25 June 2008 news article published in the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) cited poor living conditions in six rebel officers' cells;

WHEREAS, it was alleged that CHR Chairperson Leila de Lima, who inspected the jails at the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines compound in Camp Aguinaldo also noted the poor ventilation;

WHEREAS, it is not the first time that poor living conditions have been reported to be a problem of jails in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, recurring news on poor cell conditions should alert the government agencies responsible, such as the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology or the Armed Forces of the Philippines, since even detainees and prisoners deserve proper living conditions;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the poor living conditions in jails at the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines compound in Camp Aguinaldo.

Adopted,

MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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