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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, CONCERNED AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ENSURE THE SUPPLY OF SAFE PORK SOLD IN MARKETS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ADDRESSING FOOD SAFETY CONCERNS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

*Whereas*, Article II, Section 15 of the Philippine Constitution states, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

*Whereas*, some pigs in four (4) Philippine hog farms have been found infected with the Ebola Reston virus;

*Whereas*, the Ebola-Reston virus had been previously detected in some Philippine monkeys;

*Whereas*, the World Health Organization (WHO) still considered the case as a "low public health risk" because the Ebola virus strain found in the Philippines was not known to be fatal in humans in the past;

*Whereas*, although laboratory results confirm the presence of Ebola Reston virus only in October, infection was discovered as early as May this year; Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Health and Demography and other appropriate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the precautionary measures being undertaken by the Department of Health, concerned agencies and local government units to ensure the supply of safe pork sold in markets with the end in view of addressing food safety concerns of the general public.

Adopted,

  
**MANNY VILLAR**  
Senator