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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 STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8485, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT, DUE TO THE OUTRAGE SPARKED BY A PHOTOGRAPH THAT WENT VIRAL IN SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES OF A DOG IN A SACK TIED TO THE REAR OF A SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLE

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 provides: "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, a photograph of a dog in a sack and tied to the rear of a sport utility vehicle (SUV) with a Philippine license plate spread virally on the internet at around 12 March 2012, gaining attention in popular social networking websites like Facebook and Twitter, and has sparked outrage from animal rights advocates the Philippine Animal Welfare Society (PAWS);

WHEREAS, according to the Facebook user Dezzy Belle who originally posted the photo, she took the pictures on her way to SM Baguio after seeing the car with the dog on the vehicle's back and its mouth chained; afterwards, she went to the nearest police station and reported the incident to catch of the vehicle's owner and let the dog free;

WHEREAS, a report from ABS-CBNNews.com said that although the dog was set free, it was not certain whether the vehicle's owner was apprehended or arrested;

WHEREAS, the incident is a clear indication that the Republic Act No. 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act, needs stricter enforcement in informing Filipinos of animal rights and the violations under this act;

WHEREAS, the reinforcement and implementation of the Republic Act No. 8485 should be extended to traffic enforcers and other concerned government agencies to augment the efforts of the Philippine National Police, among others;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate committee, to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on strengthening the implementation of Republic Act No. 8485, also known as the Animal Welfare Act, due to the outrage sparked by a photograph that went viral in social networking sites of a dog in a sack tied to the rear of a sports utility vehicle.

Adopted,


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