

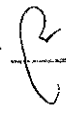
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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MASS RESIGNATION OF PILOTS OF THE COUNTRY'S FLAG CARRIER, PHILIPPINE AIRLINES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ADDRESSING THE LABOR SHORTAGE VIS-À-VIS ITS EFFECTS ON TOURISM, BUSINESSES AND THE GENERAL RIDING PUBLIC**

*Whereas*, Philippine Airlines (PAL), Asia's first airline and the country's flag carrier, was founded in 1941;

*Whereas*, PAL, which flies to forty-six (46) domestic and international destinations, has an existing fleet of thirty-nine (39) aircraft;

*Whereas*, a total of twenty-five (25) PAL pilots (13 captains and 12 first officers) flying PAL's Airbus A319s and A320s have resigned recently to join foreign airlines that offer higher wages;

*Whereas*, the mass resignation have caused PAL flights to be delayed or canceled, stranding thousands of passengers and disrupting businesses that depend on air transport;

*Whereas*, PAL carries out 150 flights daily, and the cancellation of five (5) flights alone meant a serious dent on daily operations;<sup>1</sup>

*Whereas*, the airline industry is a public utility and as such, its moral responsibility to the public is of primordial concern: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Economic Affairs and other appropriate committees, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the mass resignation of pilots of the country's flag carrier, Philippine Airlines, with the end in view of addressing the labor shortage vis-à-vis its effects on tourism, businesses and the general riding public.

Adopted,

  
**MANNY VILLAR**  
Senator

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<sup>1</sup> Statement by PAL president Jaime Bautista, in an interview by Caroline Howard/ANC, 08/02/2010