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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RISE OF PREMATURE OR
PRETERM BIRTHS IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides, that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, according to the World Health organization (WHO), the Philippines is one of the Top 10 of countries with the greatest number of preterm births¹;

WHEREAS, the WHO fact sheet provides that in 2010 the Philippines has 348,900 preterm birth cases reported²;

WHEREAS, Preterm birth is defined as babies born alive before the 37 weeks of pregnancy³;

WHEREAS, according to Philhealth Circular 2017-0009, the Philippines fell short of achieving the 2015 target of reducing the under-five mortality by two-thirds⁴;

WHEREAS, the same circular also provides that 62 percent of newborn deaths in the Philippines are due to prematurity, translating to 20,000 deaths in a year⁵;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization Goal by 2025 is to reduce the mortality due to preterm birth by 50%⁶;

¹ World Health Organization Website, Media Centre, Fact Sheet, Preterm Birth, <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs363/en/>

² Ibid.

³ Philhealth Circular No. 2017-0009, The Z Benefits for Premature and Small Newborns, <https://www.philhealth.gov.ph/circulars/2017/circ2017-0009.pdf>

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Born Too Soon, The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth, http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/44864/1/9789241503433_eng.pdf?ua=1

⁶ Ibid.

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Senate by policy or by law, to meet or go beyond the WHO target of reducing preterm births in the country by 2025;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation on the rise of premature or preterm births in the country.

Adopted,



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