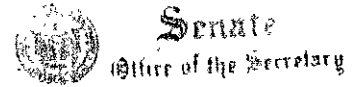


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SERIES OF AIRCRAFT CRASHES
INVOLVING NON-SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL AIRLINES, CHARTER
AIRLINES, AND PILOT TRAINING SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, on 11 April 2010, the online version of *Sun Star Davao* reported a crash in Barangay Pagsanghan, Tagum City involving a light aircraft piloted by Capt. Randy Raagas and owned by the Philippine Agricultural Aviation, allegedly due to poor maintenance of the aircraft;

WHEREAS, on 11 November 2011 a Cessna trainer plane of Aerowurkz Aviation Company, which operates as a flying school, crashed in Panabo City, killing its pilot and the student trainee;

WHEREAS, on 18 November 2011, a light aircraft crashed while spraying pesticides over a banana plantation in the village of Datu Abdul, Panabo City, killing its pilot Capt. Napoleon Emia;

WHEREAS, on 10 December 2011, a light aircraft crashed into a settlement in Parañaque, killing the pilot and the crew, people on the ground, and razing the settlement on the crash site;

WHEREAS, on 14 May 2012, the online version of *Tempo* newspaper reported the crashing in Barangay La Filipina, Tagum City of a plane owned by Sumifro, resulting in the death of Capt. Steve Pacaldo;

WHEREAS, on 18 August 2012, a Piper Seneca, which was owned by Aviatour, that carried Secretary Jesse Robredo and his aide, pilot/owner Jessup Bahinting, and a student trainee Kshitiz Chand crashed over the sea in Masbate;

WHEREAS, on 24 May 2013, NewsdeskAsia.com reported a spray plane piloted by Capt. Jose Bugarin and owned by Mindanao Agricultural Services crashing just minutes after take-off;

WHEREAS, on 27 June 2013, the news website of ABS-CBN reported that a light plane on aerial spraying of pesticides on a banana plantation crashed in Barangay Kasilak, Panabo City; the plane was owned by Aerowurkz Aviation Company, the same company involved in another accident on 11 November 2011 that killed the pilot and an aviation student;

WHEREAS, on 1 August 2013, the *Philippine Star* reported that a Cessna trainer aircraft of Aerowurkz Aviation piloted by Captain Rotelio Fuentes crashed in Barangay Kasilak, Panabo City while on training flight; Aerowurkz Aviation and Asian International School of Aeronautics and Technology are part of AYP Holdings, which according to its website is involved in aerial spraying contract services;

WHEREAS, on 13 September 2013, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* reported a crash-landing of a light aircraft owned by WCC Aviation Company, Inc., which at the same time operates an aviation college and flying school;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has been downgraded by the Federal Aviation Administration due to safety record issues;

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine what ails the aviation industry in the Philippines, particularly aircraft and fleet maintenance, operating standards, training systems of aviation schools, and why “deadly flying coffins” are allowed to fly on Philippine airspace, in order to ensure the safety of pilots, students, crew members, and passengers, and prevent casualties and damage to properties on the ground;

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 series of aircraft crashes involving non-scheduled commercial airlines, charter airlines, and pilot training schools.

Adopted,


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