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SENATE

P.S.R. No. 509

Introduced by **Senator Ana Theresia "Risa" Hontiveros-Baraquel**

RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO COLLABORATION OR COLLUSION BY FILIPINOS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ARTIFICIAL ISLANDS AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA AND OTHER ACTS INIMICAL TO NATIONAL SECURITY

WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China has constructed artificial islands with a total area of close to 3,000 acres on seven coral reefs it occupies in the Spratly Islands in the West Philippine Sea;

WHEREAS, China's island-building activities include extensive dredging and reclamation around territory claimed by the Philippines, including Panatag Shoal, as well as Panganiban, Kagitingan, Calderon, Burgos, Mabini, Hughes, and Zamora Reefs;

WHEREAS, China has also militarized the West Philippine Sea, despite public assurances by President Xi Jinping to the contrary, by constructing long-range sensor arrays, port facilities, runways, bunkers for fuel and weapons, and barracks for military personnel on these artificial islands;

WHEREAS, these island bases, the closest of which lie just 140 miles off the western coast of Luzon, have also put the Philippine archipelago within range of Chinese combat aircraft, including nuclear-capable Xian H-6 long-range bombers;

WHEREAS, the so-called Chinese maritime militia also uses these islands as outposts from which to harass Philippine vessels, including those operated by Filipino fishermen;

WHEREAS, China continues to expand and construct military installations on these artificial islands, despite a ruling by the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) that the aforementioned activities violate the Philippines' rights over its continental shelf and exclusive economic zone;

WHEREAS, the presence of these military installations also complicate efforts by our armed forces to secure islands and features occupied by the country in the West Philippines Sea;

WHEREAS, adding insult to injury, it appears that the soil, sand, and other materials taken from the Philippines were used to construct China's artificial islands;

WHEREAS, it is thus apparent that these islands could not have been constructed without acts of collusion and collaboration by Filipinos and domestic corporations including, but not limited to, the mining companies responsible for extracting and transporting the aforementioned soil, sand, and aggregates; and

WHEREAS, measures should therefore be taken to prevent acts inimical to national security, including identifying and penalizing Filipinos colluding or collaborating with foreign powers to militarize the West Philippine Sea.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO COLLABORATION OR COLLUSION BY FILIPINOS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ARTIFICIAL ISLANDS AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA AND OTHER ACTS INIMICAL TO NATIONAL SECURITY.

Adopted.


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