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**SENATE**  
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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN AND  
FAMILY RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON  
THE REPORTED PROLIFERATION OF CHILD TRAFFICKING CASES INVOLVING  
FILIPINO CHILDREN**

**WHEREAS**, the State recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation. Accordingly, it shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Jose A. Lorente of the University of Granada in Spain, and Dr. Arthur J. Eisenberg, co-director of the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification identified northern India, China and the Philippines among the Asian countries with "statistically large percentage of cases" of illegal adoptions. This means many children from these countries end up abroad and become victims of trafficking whether through prostitution, forced labor, militant activities or illegal adoptions;

**WHEREAS**, women posing as their mothers would go to Singapore and other countries using fake identification to make authorities believe that the babies are theirs but thereafter they would leave the babies behind. Fifty percent of the 600,000 to 800,000 people trafficked across international borders each year are under 17 years old;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lorente said UN studies showed that Central and South America, Africa, Central and Southeast Asia were the prime sources of children brought to North America, Canada, the United States, Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand;

**WHEREAS**, child trafficking is now considered an international epidemic and could be the No. 1 crime worldwide by 2010;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to direct the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported proliferation of child trafficking cases involving Filipino children.



**MANNY VILLAR**  
Senator