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**S E N A T E**

**P.S. RES. NO. 931**

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Introduced by Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile and  
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III

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**RESOLUTION**

**SUPPORTING THE MOVE OF HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT BENIGNO AQUINO III, TO FILE AN ARBITRATION CASE AGAINST CHINA UNDER ARTICLE 287 AND ANNEX VII OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA**

**WHEREAS,** both China and the Philippines are signatories to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) which prescribes the maritime entitlements of coastal states in terms of territorial sea, Contiguous Zone (Part II), 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) (Part V) and Continental Shelf (Part VI);

**WHEREAS,** China's claim in the West Philippine Sea under the 9-dash line is expansive and inconsistent with the above provisions of UNCLOS;

**WHEREAS,** China's 9-dash line claim encroaches on the legitimate maritime rights of the Philippines;

