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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON GOVERNMENT RESPONSE MECHANISMS AND STRUCTURES TO KIDNAPPING INCIDENTS AND SUCH OTHER SIMILAR CRISIS SITUATIONS**

*Whereas*, the recent kidnapping of three Red Cross workers has once again brought to fore the unsolved problem that is the Abu Sayyaf;

*Whereas*, just like this recent incident, previous kidnapping cases in Mindanao such as those of Ces Oreña Drilon, Fr. Tulio Favali, Gracia Burnham and the Sipadan incident, involved either religious or known and high-profile personalities whose organizations and personal resources were potential sources of ransom;

*Whereas*, the kidnapping of religious as well as known and high-profile personalities, always involved the demand for ransom on the part of the kidnapers;

*Whereas*, every time that there is a kidnapping incident, tremendous government resources such as manpower and material have to be deployed in order to address the situation;

*Whereas*, these kidnapping incidents more often than not disrupt normal police and military security operations and has also caused the loss of lives and wounding of our military, police and civilian personnel;

*Whereas*, these kidnapping incidents have adverse effects to the economic stability in Mindanao as these scare potential investors to the region;

*Whereas*, national security operations in the whole of Mindanao are also disrupted every time a kidnapping incident occurs;

*Whereas*, while government has time and again pronounced a "no ransom policy" in dealing with kidnapers, the emergence of alleged "negotiators" every time such a situation occurs seems to contravene this policy;

*Whereas*, there is therefore a need to assess and examine the policy, doctrine, structures, systems and procedures of the government in addressing kidnapping incidents and such other similar crisis situations; *Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, As It Is Hereby Resolved,*

*By The Senate,* To Direct The Appropriate Senate Committees To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, On Government Response Mechanisms And Structures To Kidnapping Incidents And Such Other Similar Crisis Situations.

Adopted,



**RODOLFO G. BIAZON**  
Senator