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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel, III

**A RESOLUTION
REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, CULTURE,
AND ARTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF
THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, OF THE RECENT DOUBLE MURDER AND
ARSON COMMITTED INSIDE THE CAMPUS OF MINDANAO
STATE UNIVERSITY FOR PURPOSES OF FURTHER
STRENGTHENING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF
MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY AND OTHER
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR VICINITY**

WHEREAS, the first part of Section 4, Article II of the Constitution provides that the prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people;

WHEREAS, the first part of Section 13, Article II of the Constitution provides that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being;

WHEREAS, there is now a question of safety and security of the professors and of the students in Mindanao State University (MSU) because of the recent double murder and arson committed inside the campus;

WHEREAS, on 25 October 2012, Thursday at eight (8) o'clock in the morning four (4) armed men entered Mindnolia, an internet café owned by 44 year old MSU Professor Othello Cobal. The four (4) armed men shot Cobal in the head and Erwin Diaz, a student, was also manhandled and shot;

WHEREAS, the hoodlums set the internet café on fire together with the bodies of Cobal and Diaz;

WHEREAS, Fr. Jun Mercado OMI in his news article in GMA 7's on line news, said that the MSU community is outraged about the latest brutal double murder and arson that cap the many unsolved cases of banditry, kidnapping, rape, ambushade, arson and practically all other forms of lawlessness on the campus. Further, he also said that the tragedy of all these crimes perpetrated on campus is the fact that to this day, there has been no apprehensions and not even a single suspect has been hauled to the police precinct for investigation or officially charged in court;

WHEREAS, the MSU Alumni Association in its Statement of Concern called for the critical need for an external intervention to restore order and sanity and to recapture, perhaps, the past glory of the Mindanao State University;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND ARTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE RECENT DOUBLE MURDER AND ARSON COMMITTED INSIDE THE CAMPUS OF MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY FOR PURPOSES OF FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE CAMPUS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AS WELL.

Adopted,


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