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**Introduced by Senators Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr. and M. A. Madrigal** and FRED LIM

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, BY THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE MURDER OF BROADCASTER ROGER MARIANO AND TO INSTITUTE REFORMS TO PROTECT MEDIA PRACTITIONERS IN THE EXERCISE OF THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Whereas, dzJC-Aksyon Radyo Broadcaster Roger Mariano of Ilocos Norte was brutally gunned down by unknown assailants last Saturday, July 31, on his way home after his radio program;

Whereas, Mariano was known for his hard-hitting comments against the rampant and continuing jueteng operations, and corrupt practices of public officials, late of which was his denouncement of the alleged mismanagement of a local electric cooperative;

Whereas, Mariano is the third Filipino journalist killed this year, following the slaying of newspaper publisher and radio commentator Ruben Endrinal in Legazpi City in February, and of Ely Binoya, a radio commentator of Radyo Natin in South Cotabato province last June;

Whereas, according to a combined list of the National Union of Journalists in the Philippines and the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility, Mariano was the 53rd journalist killed in the country since 1986 when democratic institutions were restored;

Whereas, there is an imperative need for the government to look into this alarming situation that seeks to restrain and stifle the freedom of the press;

**Now therefore, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved**, that an investigation, in aid of legislation, by the appropriate Senate Committee on the murder of broadcaster Roger Mariano and to institute reforms to protect media practitioners in the exercise of the freedom of the press

ADOPTED,

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