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Introduced by Senator Poe

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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONTINUOUSLY INCREASING CRIMINALITY AND THE BRAZENNESS OF CRIMINAL/ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF CRAFTING SHORT- AND LONG-TERM PLANS AND POLICIES REGARDING CRIME PREVENTION AND ERADICATION.**

WHEREAS, crimes are being perpetrated and reported on a daily basis in the radio, print media and television. It is not unknown to the entire country that most of these crimes remain unresolved and most of the culprits remain unknown or at large;

WHEREAS, the entire country has been a playground and prey for the wicked wrong-doers. Furthermore, not only are crimes being perpetrated, said crimes have become more daring, and are being executed not in the dark and unpopulated areas but out in the open – in malls, urban settings and major public thoroughfares;

WHEREAS, criminals did not even respect the holiday season last December 2013 when members of the notorious "Martilyo Gang" unleashed their evil deeds at SM North EDSA when they robbed a jewelry store and later on escaped using the mammoth crowd of shoppers. Members of said gang, as if mocking the authorities, again struck at SM Mall of Asia last March of this year;

WHEREAS, just recently, Fairview, Quezon City became the firing range of riding-in-tandem shooters on a motorcycle who reportedly targeted random people and left five (5) lifeless bodies. The victims include a businesswoman waiting for a bus ride, a couple on their way to a drugstore, a bystander on his way to ride his motorcycle, and a man scavenging through a pile of garbage;

WHEREAS, last year, Philippine law enforcement authorities were alarmed by the alleged entry and/or existence of members of a world-class and renowned international drug cartel, the dreaded Mexican Sinaloa Cartel, through the daring and valiant efforts of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in their drug busts and raids;

WHEREAS, also last year, the entire country witnessed the grotesque and barbaric bombing in one of Cagayan de Oro City's busiest commercial establishments, which claimed the lives of our brethren in the medical profession. More bombings and/or explosions occurred thereafter in different parts of the country;

WHEREAS, the manner how the above-mentioned crimes were perpetrated – in busy commercial areas, major urban installations – and the victims that come from different walks of life, and the fact that most of the criminals went scot free are very alarming and are causing panic and anxiousness to Filipinos. These crimes tend to send a message to the authorities that the perpetrators can do whatever they want, and whenever they want. These criminals tend to mock the authorities as these criminals seem to believe that they are becoming unstoppable. We need to fight back with an iron fist and an unrelenting pursuit of a crime-free Philippines. These crimes must be stopped and these criminals must be obliterated;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to urge the Senate Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the continuously increasing criminality and the brazenness of criminal/illegal activities, with the objectives of crafting short- and long-term plans and policies regarding crime prevention and eradication.

Adopted,

  
GRACE POE