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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE BLATANT DISREGARD OF MOST MOTORISTS TO YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY TO PEDESTRIANS CROSSING DESIGNATED CROSSWAYS, ZEBRA LANES, OR PEDESTRIAN LANES PURSUANT TO OUR COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO THE DECADE OF ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY 2011-2020

WHEREAS, on 18 August 2015, two men were run over by a cab while crossing the pedestrian lane on a red traffic light along Roxas Boulevard;

WHEREAS, in May 2015, a pregnant young Thai national was brutally ran over by a sports utility vehicle while crossing a pedestrian lane in Bonifacio Global City in Taguig City;

WHEREAS, according to schools in Metro Manila, most of the recorded vehicular accidents involving students happen while they cross the pedestrian lanes near their schools;

WHEREAS, Section 42 (c), Article III of Chapter IV of the Land Transportation and Traffic Code of 1964 states that "The driver of any vehicle upon a highway within a business or residential district shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing such highway within a crosswalk, except at intersections where the movement of traffic is being regulated by a peace officer or by traffic signal. Every pedestrian crossing a highway within a business or residential district, at any point other than a crosswalk, shall yield the right of way to vehicles upon the highway.";

WHEREAS, a 2013 report indicates that the total number of road traffic deaths worldwide remain unacceptably high at 1.24 million per year prompting the World Health Organization to declare the years 2011-2020 as the Decade of Action for Road Safety;

WHEREAS, there is a need for stricter implementation of Republic Act 4136 or the Land Transportation and Traffic Code of 1964 and propose possible remedial legislation to protect the general public; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, That the Philippine Senate directs the appropriate Senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the blatant disregard of most motorists to yield the right of way to pedestrians crossing designated crossways, zebra lanes, or pedestrian lanes pursuant to our country's commitment to the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020.

Adopted,

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