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**SENATE**  
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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 BRAZEN ATTEMPT BY ALLEGED MEMBERS OF A LOCAL DRUG SYNDICATE TO ENTER AND ATTACK THE DYOK AKSYON RADYO ILOILO WITH THE INTENTIONS OF TIGHTENING THE LAW ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE FURTHER PROTECTION OF MEDIA PRACTITIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Philippine Constitution is recognized for its strong declarations on the promotion of peace and order, all in Article III:

- **Section 5.** The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.
- **Section 9.** The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.
- **Section 11.** The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights."

**WHEREAS**, On November 19, 2015, a group of more or less 20 persons, some of them believed to be armed, attempted to barge in the Carlos Uy Building where DYOK Aksyon Radio Iloilo is located in Manduarriao, Iloilo City;

**WHEREAS**, Akysion-Radyo-Iloilo is a local station of the Manila Broadcasting Corporation;

**WHEREAS**, Iloilo residents including some members of the local media are of the belief that the attack/incident had something to do with Aksyon Radyo-Iloilo's active campaign against illegal drugs, corruption, and other crimes in Iloilo City;

**WHEREAS**, according to media reports citing the initial investigations of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in Western Visayas,

the alleged invaders were led by a suspected drug group leader named Melvin 'Boyett' Odicta of the Odicta Group<sup>1</sup>;

WHEREAS, the "Odicta group" is on the watch list of suspected illegal drug personalities of the PDEA<sup>2</sup>;

WHEREAS, the entire incident was captured by closed circuit TV cameras installed around the building;

WHEREAS, an assessment of the existing statutes and measures should be made particularly on those policies with implications on public safety and security of citizens and those aimed at protecting well-meaning media practitioners with sworn duty to protect public welfare through fearless, fair, and balance reporting: Now therefore be it

**RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES,** To Urge the Senate Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the brazen armed attack of a drug syndicate in DYOK Aksyon Radyo Iloilo with the intentions of tightening the law on public safety and the further protection of media practitioners.

Adopted,

  
GRACE POE

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<sup>1</sup>Panay News, November 24, 2015, citing the news "Odicta in PDEA Watch List" and it mentioned, "The intelligence section chief of the Iloilo City Police Office, Senior Inspector Donnel Regis, identified one of the men in the security camera recordings of Aksyon Radyo-Iloilo as businessman Melvin "Boyett" Odicta."

<sup>2</sup>Panay News, *ibid*, The "Odicta group" is in the watch list of suspected illegal drug personalities, according Regional Director Paul Ledesma.