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Introduced by Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay, Jr.

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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE COMMITTEES ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO INQUIRE, LOOK INTO AND INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE RECENT VIOLENT DISPERSAL OF THE STRIKERS AT HACIENDA LUISITA BY THE JOINT RIOT POLICE AND MILITARY OPERATIVES**

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2004, thousands of farm and mill workers and family members belonging to the United Luisita Workers' Union (ULWU) and Central Azucarera de Tarlac Labor Union (CATLU) staged a strike against the management of the 6,453-hectare Hacienda Luisita to protest the alleged illegal retrenchment of 326 workers, including key officers of the ULWU, limited man days given to the workers, lowly P9.50 wage they receive per day, and deadlock in the collective bargaining negotiation, as well as the denial of their demand to have Hacienda Luisita property be distributed to them through the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) instead of the 1989 stock-distribution option where only P200 a year distributed to each of them as proceeds of their stocks or production shares;

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2004, their 11<sup>th</sup> day of strike, the joint riot operatives of the Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces of the Philippines, violently dispersed the aforesaid strikers, killing seven (7) workers and two (2) children and injuring several others;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as it is hereby resolved to direct the Committees on Justice and Human Rights and Public Order and Illegal Drugs to inquire, look into and investigate in aid of legislation the recent violent dispersal of the strikers at Hacienda Luisita by the joint riot police and military operatives.

ADOPTED,

  
RAMON B. MAGSAYSAY, JR.