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P.S. Resolution No. 184

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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALARMING INCIDENTS OF
CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution affirms that, *"the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy"*.

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the same article of the Constitution emphasizes, in no uncertain terms, that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, the the right to life, liberty, and security of person is enshrined in Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, in recent months, the law enforcement community suffered a series of deplorable and senseless attacks, causing not only serious injuries, but also the untimely deaths of some its members;

WHEREAS, in an attack that took place on 30 August 2022, at about 9:40 am, in Ampatuan, Maguindanao, the police chief of the municipal police station, Police Lieutenant (PLt.) Reynaldo O. Samson, along with his aide Police Corporal (PCpl.) Salipuden Talipasan Endab, died instantly after they were waylaid by approximately ten (10) armed men who open fired on their police vehicle. Three (3) other police officers, namely, Police Senior Master Sergeant (PSMS) Renante T. Quinalayo, PCpl. Rogelio R. Dela Cuesta Jr. and PCpl. Marc Clint Varrona Dayaday, were wounded in the ambush;

WHEREAS, the abovementioned police officers were on their way to serve the Warrant of Arrest for Robbery under Art. 294 of the Revised Penal Code, issued by Honorable Judge Anabelle Piang, Regional Trial Court, Branch 15, 12th Judicial Region, against a certain Kamir Kambal a.k.a. "Meds", when they were ambushed by lawless elements allegedly led by Guipar Abdulkarim and/or Bantukan Andog a.k.a. "Cmdr Boy

Jocket", Sala Tunda, Johari Abdulbasser Guinaid, Phepe Saptulah, Abdulrah Sapal a.k.a. "Bro Sapal" and Bobot Kamsa a.k.a. "Borgo";

WHEREAS, a week before the Maguindanao ambush, the local police have already gathered intelligence reports about the liquidation plan against the chief of police of Ampatuan, Maguindanao, by Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighter (BIFF) commander Abdunasser Sabtulah Guianid, for the sudden strict implementation of traffic rules in Ampatuan and other laws and ordinance in the town as part of the anti-crime preventive measures;

WHEREAS, prior to the killing of the police officers in Maguindanao, other police officers were also wounded and slain in the performance of their duties;

WHEREAS, in the morning of 04 April 2022 while on their way to a community support program, Patrolman Harvie Lovino was killed, while five others were wounded, in Catubig Town, Northern Samar, when suspected members of the New People's Army (NPA) detonated an anti-personnel mine;

WHEREAS, last 24 June 2022, Police Staff Sergeant (PSSg) Nikki Codera died while PLt. Rogelio Walay was wounded while serving a warrant of arrest for murder against an alleged member of the communist terrorist group in Pasay City;

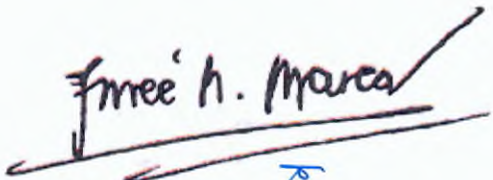
WHEREAS, on 15 August 2022, Police Corporal Rey Ambo of the 705th Mobile Company Regional Mobile Force Battalion Central Visayas was killed in an ambush by a still unidentified suspect in Sitio Ipil-ipil, Barangay San Roque, Bayawan City, Negros Oriental;

WHEREAS, these incidents of blatant acts of violence against law enforcement officers in different parts of the country are detrimental to the morale of law enforcers and sow fear and uncertainty among the populace;

WHEREAS, while investigations aimed at bringing the perpetrators to justice have been commenced relative to these incidents, an inquiry by the Senate is necessary in order to determine whether existing laws are being implemented properly and whether there is a need for legislative measures to afford better protection to the lives and well-being of the nation's law enforcement officers and to boost their morale so that they may uphold the rule of law without fear or favor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the alarming incidents of crimes committed against law enforcement officers.

Adopted,


IMEE R. MARCOS