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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN THE  
WAKE OF THE PHILSPORTS ARENA TRAGEDY ON 4 FEBRUARY 2006

- WHEREAS, From February 1 to 4, 2006, a large crowd gathered outside the PhilSports Arena in Pasig City in anticipation of the first anniversary of the ABS-CBN network game show "Wowowee;"
- WHEREAS, When the gates were opened at 6:30 AM on 4 February 2006, it was announced that only a limited number of free tickets would be given to the crowd that had gathered outside the venue;
- WHEREAS, People then rushed to the gate. Some 74 persons were trampled in the stampede and due to crushed chests and abdomens, died from asphyxiation, while more than 500 sustained fractures, abrasions, contusions, and other injuries;
- WHEREAS, Thereupon, response teams from local government unit, the Philippine National Police (PNP), the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC), the Department of Health (DOH), and the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) arrived at the scene;
- WHEREAS, That there was a significant lack of preparedness and coordination among government agencies and the organizers of the show, revealing our inadequacy and incapability in controlling crowds and addressing disasters of this nature and magnitude; and

WHEREAS,

In the wake of this very tragic event, the PNR took the lead and took charge of coordinating with the authorities and health workers for the proper treatment of the injured and the deceased, in full extension of its commitment to alleviate human suffering and respect human dignity.

*BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED*, that the Senate express, as it hereby expresses its grief at the tragedy that had occurred, and commend, as it hereby commends, the Philippine National Red Cross under the chairmanship of Senator Richard J. Gordon in taking the lead and demonstrating the best of Filipino values in the wake of this tragedy.

  
EDGARDO JAVIER ANGARA  
*Senator*

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