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Resolution No. 256

Introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE SERIES OF DEATHS OF POLITICAL ACTIVISTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE COUNTRY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMULATING POLICY MEASURES TO SOLVE AND END THESE KILLINGS AND TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state as enshrined in the Constitution to protect the life, liberty, and property of the people and to maintain peace and order in the country;

WHEREAS, it is also provided in Section 15 of Article XIII of the Constitution that "the State shall respect the role of independent people's organizations to enable the people to pursue and protect, within the democratic framework, their legitimate and collective interests and aspirations through peaceful and lawful means."

WHEREAS, it is the primary concern and program of the government to promote economic growth in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, recent articles are inundated with reports of political harassments and killings of government officials such as the recent murders of former Congressman Henry Lanot of Pasig and Sta. Rosa, Laguna Mayor Leon Arcillas;

WHEREAS, in the first quarter of this year, 29 members of the activist people's organizations have also been gunned down in a series of assassinations in the country and the increase in their death toll remains unabated;

WHEREAS, as most of these murder cases have not been solved leaving their perpetrators scot-free, there pose a threat to the security of the country's incumbent officials;

WHEREAS, because of the current peace and order situation, the culture of violence, lawlessness and an environment of fear is perceived to exist the Philippines, driving away potential investors and capital;

WHEREAS, as a result, the efforts of government to promote economic growth is negated;

WHEREAS, to put to a stop to this threat to the rights and civil liberties of the people and to maintain the peace and order in the country, there is an immediate need for the government to take full responsibility by initiating actions to solve these murder cases, prosecute and punish the perpetrators.

Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE SERIES OF DEATHS OF POLITICAL ACTIVISTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE COUNTRY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMULATING POLICY MEASURES TO SOLVE AND END THESE KILLINGS AND TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER IN THE COUNTRY**

Adopted,


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