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P.S. Res. No. 126

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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

A RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES BEHIND
THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF U.P. STUDENT
CHRIS ANTHONY MENDEZ ALLEGEDLY DUE TO HAZING

WHEREAS, Chris Anthony Mendez, a graduating student of the University of the Philippines, Diliman Quezon City was brought to the Veteran's Memorial Medical Center ("VMMC") by a certain Dr. Francisco Cruz last 25 August 2007 and thereafter, Mr. Mendez was declared dead on arrival;

WHEREAS, Mr. Mendez bore bruises all over his body, particularly on the back of his arms and thighs and was suspected as a hazing victim in the said university;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Republic Act No. 8049 otherwise known as "AN ACT REGULATING HAZING AND OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES IN FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR" provides that the officers and members of the fraternity, sorority or organization who actually participated in the infliction of physical harm shall be liable as principals and the penalty of reclusion perpetua shall be imposed when the person subjected to hazing or other forms of initiation rites dies as a result thereof;

WHEREAS, after lapse of one week from the death of Mr. Mendez, the person/s and/or fraternity liable for his death still remain/s unknown;

WHEREAS, instead of promoting group loyalty and camaraderie by fraternities, sororities and/or organizations in universities, the initiation rites led to the death of Mr. Mendez;

WHEREAS, the family as well as the relatives and friends of the victim seek justice for the death of Chris Anthony Mendez;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that an investigation by the appropriate Senate Committee/s should be conducted in aid of legislation on the death of hazing victim Chris Anthony Mendez and to further review the provisions of the Anti-Hazing Law in order to introduce amendments for its effective implementation.

ADOPTED.

