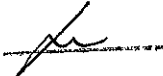


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A RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE RECENT BOMBING AT
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXTENDING SYMPATHIES TO THE VICTIMS,
AND CALLING ON AUTHORITIES TO CONDUCT A SWIFT AND THOROUGH
INVESTIGATION INTO THIS INCIDENT.

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives is one of the chambers of Congress vested with legislative power pursuant to Section 1, Article VI of the 1987 Constitution; thus, it is one of the key political institutions of the Philippine Government, which plays a vital role in nation-building and in sustaining democracy;

WHEREAS, in the evening of 13 November 2007, a bomb explosion occurred at the driveway of the south wing of the House of Representatives, thereby resulting to the death of at least three people, including Basilan Representative Wahab M. Akbar of the Liberal Party;

WHEREAS, the bomb explosion also injured at least 7 other people, including Negros Oriental Representative Pryde Henry A. Teves, Gabriela Representative Luzviminda C. Ilagan and staff of the House of Representatives or the individual congressmen;

WHEREAS, the bombing at the House of Representatives strikes at the core of Philippine democracy considering its symbolic importance as the chamber composed of district representatives elected by the people;

WHEREAS, there is thus a great and compelling need for the authorities to conduct a swift and thorough investigation of the bombing to immediately bring the perpetrators to justice and restore peace and order to the country;

WHEREAS, it can also be reasonably foreseen that the bombing will have an adverse impact on the national economy and the stability of our institutions, such that a speedy resolution is necessary to help bring back the people's confidence;

WHEREAS, in light of this recent bombing, the government must immediately undertake a serious review and assessment of the security measures in all government facilities including vital installations such as oil depots, international airports, and other such localities.

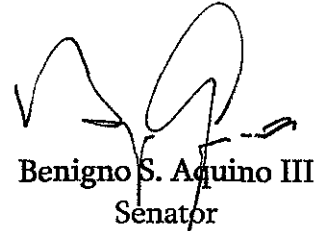
RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate condemns in the strongest possible terms the 13 November 2007 bombing of the House of Representatives, and calls on authorities to conduct a swift and thorough investigation to immediately bring the perpetrators to justice;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Senate expresses its deepest condolences to the families of those who have died, and its sincerest sympathies to those who were injured because of this atrocious act of violence.

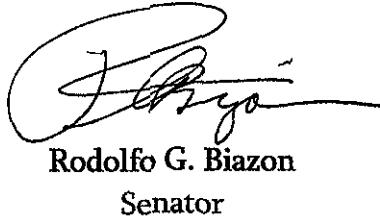
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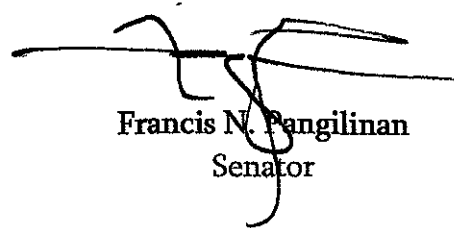
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