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Introduced by Honorable SENATOR JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE COLD BLOODED MURDER OF FORMER MAYOR
REY YAP OF SAPANG DALAGA, MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL AND THE
INJURING OF TWO CIVILIANS IN THE COURSE OF SHOOTING INSIDE
MANILA REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**

WHEREAS, under the 1987 Constitution, Article III Bill of Rights, Section 1 provides that, "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws."

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2007, a gunmen violently shot to death the former mayor of Sapang Dalaga, Misamis Occidental, Mayor Rey Yap and injured two civilians inside the Manila Regional Trial Court hallway while Mayor Yap was awaiting for his trial;

WHEREAS, there has been a previous attempt on the life former Mayor Yap outside the premises of Manila City Hall but he survived the ambush;

WHEREAS, the spiraling of violence and history of unabated political killings in Sapang Dalaga, Misamis Occidental disregard due process and instead, matters are taken upon one's hands;

WHEREAS, the constitutional presumption of innocence of an accused is ignored and the cold blooded killing is an affront to the rule of law;

WHEREAS, the brazen murder of former Mayor Yap inside the premises of the court puts to test the security being set up by the law enforcement agencies to guard the courtrooms where they ought to be a haven and insulated from harm;

WHEREAS, this is not the first time that the lax in security in courtrooms is being questioned there being in 2007 three (3) violent incidents that happened in Taguig, Quezon City and Las Piñas Halls of Justice;

WHEREAS, similar incidents should be curtailed to further strengthen the confidence of the people to place their security and trust in the judiciary as protector of their rights;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the cold blooded murder of former Mayor Rey Yap of Sapang Dalaga, Misamis Occidental, and the injuring of two (2) other civilians in the course of the shooting inside the Manila Regional Trial Court.

Adopted,


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA