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SENATE
Proposed Senate Resolution No. 143

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCEREST AND MOST HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES, FRIENDS, RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE UNFORTUNATE HOSTAGE INCIDENT IN MANILA ON 23 AUGUST 2010, AND TO THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF HONG KONG

WHEREAS, an incident happened in the City of Manila yesterday, August 23, 2010, where a bus loaded with passengers of peaceful and innocent Chinese tourists and our fellow Filipino citizens was hijacked and taken hostage by a disgruntled, terminated policeman, Mr. Rolando Mendoza;

WHEREAS, the hostage incident ended in tragedy, resulting in the unnecessary death of Daniel Magadia, Ken Leung Kam Wing, Leung Chung See, Jessie Leung Song Yi, Keon Leung, Fu Cheuk Yan, Yeung Yee Wa, and Tse Ting Cheung;

WHEREAS, the incident is a serious matter of public safety and nationwide concern, more so in the face of our international image and standing;

WHEREAS, the hostage-taker was a former policeman and has even publicly articulated his demands and grievances, which all impinge on government acts and actuations, especially with regard to law enforcement and administration,

WHEREAS, there is imperative need to investigate the cause and the handling of the incident by the police, including the media,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to extend its sincerest and most heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the families, friends, relatives, and compatriots of our Chinese visitors who were mercilessly killed or injured in that tragic incident at Rizal Park, Manila.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Senate initiate an exhaustive and thorough investigation of the incident and to closely monitor all the other investigations to ensure that justice be immediately served to the victims, their loved ones, and to ensure that there will be no whitewash or cover-ups, and that those who shall be found erring be dealt with by the full force of the law.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be given to the families of the victims, to the Peoples' Republic of China, through their Embassy in Manila, and to the Chief Executive of the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong.

Adopted,

FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.