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SENATE

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**INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS**

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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO A LAND DISPUTE INVOLVING THE MANOBO-PULANGIHON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITY'S ANCESTRAL DOMAIN IN THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON WHICH RESULTED IN GUNSHOT INJURIES TO 5 PEOPLE**

**WHEREAS**, on April 19, 2022, security personnel of a pineapple plantation in the Province of Bukidnon, fired on a group that included members of the Manobo-Pulangihon Indigenous Cultural Community ("ICC"), Presidential candidate Leodegario "Ka Leody" de Guzman, and Senatorial candidates Roy Cabonegro and David D'Angelo;

**WHEREAS**, five (5) people sustained gunshot wounds as a result of the incident: farmer organizer Nannie Abela, who was hit in the chest, and ICC members Bae Charita Anglao del Socorro, Datu Didilusan Arroyo, Orlando Lingaolingao, and Eger Dabatian;

**WHEREAS**, Philippine National Police ("PNP") spokeswoman Col. Jean Fajardo said the incident happened at half past noon, and that "security personnel fired a warning shot to stop them from advancing. The tribal people put up a flag, and that was when the violence began. The personnel opened fire that led to the casualties";

**WHEREAS**, a video taken of the incident shows the first shot being fired just as ICC members put up a white flag signifying their intent to negotiate peacefully with the plantation' security personnel;

**WHEREAS**, the incident stemmed from a dispute involving the Manobo-Pulangihon ICC's ancestral domain claims over a 995-hectare agricultural estate also covered by a Forest Land Grazing Management Agreement ("FLGMA") issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources ("DENR") that expired in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, this conflict led to armed men driving some 1,000 tribal families out of the land in 2017, forcing most of them to live in makeshift road-side shelters lacking in basic necessities, such as access to water.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO URGE THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO A LAND DISPUTE INVOLVING THE MANOBO-PULANGIHON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITY'S ANCESTRAL DOMAIN IN THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON WHICH RESULTED IN GUNSHOT INJURIES TO 5 PEOPLE.**

Adopted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Risa Hontiveros", written in a cursive style.

**RISA HONTIVEROS**

*Senator*