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RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMITTEES ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE WANTON DISREGARD OF THE ANTI-HAZING LAW AND THE SAID LAW'S APPARENT FAILURE TO PREVENT THE DEATHS AND PHYSICAL INJURIES OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ALIKE.

Whereas, the 1987 Constitution, article 2, Section 11 thereof states "[t]he State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

Whereas, more than fifteen (15) years have passed since the passage of the Republic Act (RA) 8049 otherwise known as "Anti-Hazing Law of 1995" in 7 June 1995;

Whereas, Sec. 2 of RA 8049 provides that "[n]o hazing or initiation rites in any form or manner by a fraternity, sorority or organization shall be allowed without prior written notice to the school authorities or head of organization seven (7) days before the conduct of such initiation. The written notice shall indicate the period of the initiation activities which shall not exceed three (3) days, shall include the names of those to be subjected to such activities, and shall further contain an undertaking that no physical violence be employed by anybody during such initiation rites";

Whereas, despite the above laws, hazing continues to exist and claim the lives of people;

Whereas, during this year alone, several deaths on different occasions arose due to hazing or related initiation rites;

Whereas, for example, in April, Daniel Lorenz Jacinto, a 2nd-year engineering student at the Mapua Institute of Technology (MIT) reportedly died after going through a fraternity hazing in Trece Martires town, Cavite, also sometime in August 2010, EJ Karl Intia, a University of Makati (UMAK) student, also died during a hazing ritual allegedly conducted by the Alpha Phi Omega (APO) fraternity, and more recently a teacher in Manuel L. Quezon high school, named Teodora Soner, died when an alleged neophyte of the Temple Street Trece (TST) fraternity stabbed her to death as the killing of the victim is said to be a requisite of TST membership;

Whereas, considering the apparent disregard of the law, it is prudent that the Anti-hazing law be revisited to enable the government to effectively curb the evils being of hazing, initiation rites and other related activities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Committees on Justice and Human Rights, Public Order and Illegal drugs, and other appropriate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, of the wanton disregard of the Anti-hazing law and the said law's apparent failure to prevent the deaths and physical injuries of students and teachers alike.

Adopted,



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