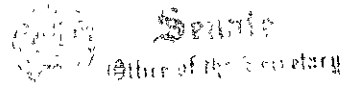


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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO INCREASE SECURITY  
MEASURES IN STATE UNIVERSITIES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 states: “The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy”;

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Section 13 of the same states: “The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs”;

WHEREAS, various media reported on 4 March 2012 that a University of the Philippines, Los Baños (UPLB) student was robbed and killed while on his way home;

WHEREAS, Bernard Peñaranda, a 19-year-old BS Agriculture student of UPLB, died after two motorcycle-riding men robbed then stabbed Peñaranda and two companions while they were on their way home from a dance practice;

WHEREAS, the incident happened five days after the rape-slay of 14-year-old Rochel Geronda in Los Baños and the second killing involving a UPLB student this semester;

WHEREAS, it was also reported that aside from these two crimes, two other heinous crimes have been committed inside the university just recently; in October 2011, UPLB student Given Grace Cebanico was raped and killed, while earlier this month, Los Baños National High School student Rochel Geronda was found murdered in a junkyard;

WHEREAS, aside from UPLB, several heinous crimes have been committed in other universities as well, such as U.P. Diliman;

WHEREAS, it is imperative upon the State to secure the welfare of the youth, especially its scholars; thus, the government should provide adequate security measures that will ensure the safety of its students in State universities and colleges;

WHEREAS, for the betterment of our country’s future, our government should invest in the education of the youth; therefore, they should be accorded with full protection while learning in their respective institutions;

WHEREAS, local university officials should see to it that outsiders are not given free access to school grounds, or that they are properly identified before they are allowed to enter; likewise, all state universities should have CCTV cameras, adequate lighting in all areas, and

roaming security guards or school police officers, in order create a safer learning environment for the student population;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported need to increase security measures in state universities.

Adopted,

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