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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO IMPLEMENT STRICTER PENALTIES
AGAINST HAZING

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 13 mandates: "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 on August 2012 have reported that a law student, Mark Andrei Marcos, died after undergoing hazing from a fraternity at the San Beda law school;

WHEREAS, although Republic Act No. 8049, also known as the Anti-hazing Law, has been passed years ago, hazing remains a perennial problem in colleges and universities;

WHEREAS, in order to eliminate fraternity-related hazing as a form of initiation, the legislature should study whether the entire fraternity from which a victim surfaces, should either be sanctioned with a hefty penalty or with dissolution;

WHEREAS, the legislature should also study if it is sufficient that the law punishes only those members behind the act, or should also punish the entire organization itself for patronizing and perpetuating an illegal act as a form of initiation;

WHEREAS, universities and colleges should also be mandated to conduct and perform regular dialogues, consultations, and follow-ups with fraternities and sororities on their initiation process;

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 implement stricter penalties against hazing.

Adopted,

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