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## Introduced by SENATOR VICENTE C. SOTTO III

## RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO INQUIRE AND LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE STATUS OF ALL HAZING RELATED CASES SINCE THE PASSAGE OF RA 8049 OR THE ANTI-HAZING LAW WITH THE END IN VIEW OF EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MEASURE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE NEED TO AMEND IT AND ENSURE THAT SUCH VIOLENT ACTS RESULTING TO INJURIES OR DEATHS OF THE RECRUITS OF FRATERNITIES AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS BE DETERRED FROM RECURRING

**WHEREAS**, Guillo Cesar Servando, an 18-year-old sophomore Hotel and Restaurant Management student at De La Salle – College of St. Benilde was found dead inside a unit of One Archers Place in Taft Avenue, Manila on Saturday evening, June 28 following suspected fraternity initiation rites by the Tau Gamma Phi;

**WHEREAS**, three of Servando's companions who also went through the same rites likewise suffered the same injuries namely John Paul Raval, Levin Flores and Lawrence Ramos were injured in the incident;

**WHEREAS**, Servando's father, Aurelio Cesar "Taboy" Jalbuena Servando, a human rights advocate from Bacolod and a businessperson, would like to see justice served;

**WHEREAS**, there were previous cases of hazing deaths such as victims Mark Andrei Marcos and Marvin Reglos, died during the alleged initiation rites of the Lambda Rho Beta fraternity in San Beda College; **WHEREAS**, there is a need to evaluate the effectiveness of RA 8049 otherwise known as, "An act regulating hazing and other forms of initiation rites in fraternities, sororities, and other organizations and providing penalties therefor"

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved as it is hereby resolved to direct the appropriate committees to inquire and look into, in aid of legislation, the status of all hazing related cases since the passage of RA 8049 or the Anti-Hazing Law with the end in view of evaluating the effectiveness of the measure in order to determine the need to amend it and ensure that such violent acts resulting to injuries or deaths of the recruits of fraternities and similar organizations be deterred from recurring.

Adopted,

VICENTE C. SOTTO III Senator