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Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO ALLEGED EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN ANTIQUE AND SOCCSKSARGEN

WHEREAS, in Septembee 2018, Philippine National Police (PNP) Director General Oscar Albayalde said that as far as the PNP was concerned, there has been no case of extrajudicial killings under the Duterte administration;

WHEREAS, 7 allegedly unarmed members of the New People's Army (NPA) were allegedly executed by elements of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the 301st Brigade of the Philippine Army (PA) in San Jose, Antique on August 15, 2018;

WHEREAS, Nikki Latoga, who was previously cleared of drug charges stemming from a November 2015 buy-bust operation, and her partner Atila John Villabert were killed in Sibalom, Antique on July 20, 2018, by still unidentified gunmen;

WHEREAS, Jonathan Pava, a jail guard at the Antique Rehabilitation Center, tagged by the PNP as an alleged "high-value drug target", was shot to death by two motorcycle-riding gunmen in Cerdeña St., Barangay 8, San Jose, Antique, on July 11, 2018;

WHEREAS, Jolmar Naldo, the first drug suspect killed by unknown assailants in Antique, was also gunned down by two motorcycle-riding men in the same barangay on January 27, 2017;

WHEREAS, in General Santos City, 115 people have been killed since January 2017, 3 of whom right in front of the Hall of Justice. Since last year, 25 antidrug raids by PNP elements have been conducted with 27 dead, all of whom were civilians;

WHEREAS, according to the human rights group I-DEFEND, for killings during police operations in General Santos City, the modus operandi is that the police officers enter the home of the "target", ask the relatives or housemates of the said "target" to vacate the house, and then a burst of gunfire is heard from

outside, after which, the police officers come out to report that the suspect died while resisting arrest ("nanlaban");

WHEREAS, 19-year-old Philip Bacudo, who has been missing since November 10, 2017, and was believed to have been taken into custody by police officers in Police Station 4, General Santos City, still has not been found;

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned incidents, as well as other possible extrajudicial killings in Antique and SOCKSCSARGEN, are indications that a pattern of violence exists and the EJK or Tokhang phenomenon is not only prevalent in the dark alleys of Metro Manila, but has spread to the regions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO URGE THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THESE AND OTHER POSSIBLE CASES OF EXTRAJUDICIAL VIOLENCE IN THE PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE AND SOCKSCSARGEN.

Adopted.

RISA HONTIVEROS