

SENATE

P. S. Res. No. 1001

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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO
STRONGLY CONDEMN THE JANUARY 27, 2019
BOMBINGS OF THE JOLO CATHEDRAL, TO CONDOLE
WITH THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS, AND TO URGE
ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO IMMEDIATELY
SOLVE THIS CRIME

1 **WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2019, while mass was being celebrated
2 at the Marian Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a bomb exploded
3 inside the church at about 8:45 in the morning resulting in the immediate
4 death of 12 people;

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6 **WHEREAS**, about a minute after, another bomb exploded near the
7 main entrance of the Cathedral, apparently to target churchgoers who were
8 rushing out of the door after the first blast, as well as, military and police
9 personnel posted nearby who were responding to the emergency;

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11 **WHEREAS**, as of 1:10 p.m., the Police Regional Office 9 recorded
12 5 military personnel and 15 civilians killed and 17 military personnel, 2
13 police officers, 2 coastguardmen, and 90 civilians injured in the blasts;

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15 **WHEREAS**, these dastardly acts committed against peace-loving
16 people during prayer and worship must be condemned in the strongest
17 sense possible;

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19 **WHEREAS**, as one nation, we must unite in prayer for the souls of
20 those who perished and for the lessening of the pain and the speedy
21 recovery of those who were injured, as well as for strength for their
22 respective families; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, we should pursue justice and justice means that the
2 perpetrators of these dastardly acts must be found out, charged, and
3 punished pursuant to law;

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5 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved,
6 that the Senate of the Philippines express its sense to strongly condemn the
7 January 27, 2019 bombings of the Jolo Cathedral, to condole with the
8 families of the victims, and to urge all law enforcement agencies to
9 immediately solve this crime so that justice may be done.

Adopted,


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