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Introduced by **Senator Ana Theresia "Risa" Hontiveros-Baraquel**

**RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO
THE SPATE OF KILLINGS OF LABOR LEADERS AND LABOR
ORGANIZERS**

WHEREAS, on 2 June 2019, Dennis Sequena, a labor leader of Partido Mangaggawa (PM) who is also the group's fifth nominee for the partylist was gunned down in cold blood by a gunman who fled riding in tandem in Barangay Bunga, Tanza, Cavite;

WHEREAS, another PM trade union leader, 35 year-old Orlando Abangan, was repeatedly shot by still unidentified assailants as he was driving home on his motorcycle in September 2016;

WHEREAS, in October 2018, nine (9) workers affiliated with the National Federation of Sugar Workers engaging in a "bungkalan" activity or land cultivation in a hacienda were killed in a strafing incident in Barangay Bulanon, Sagay City in Negros Occidental;

WHEREAS, in its 2018 Global Rights Index, the International Trade Union Confederation has identified the Philippines as one of the 10 worst countries for workers for the second straight year citing three main factors: intimidation and dismissal, violence, and repressive laws;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, as a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, is bound to protect the right to life of every human being;

WHEREAS, violence targeting labor leaders and workers threaten and deny not only the victims but the entire labor movement of their basic right to freedom of organization and be secure in exercising this right; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine government is under obligation to safeguard these rights, and ensure the protection of all workers from all forms of violence.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY
RESOLVED TO URGE THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO
INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE SPATE OF
KILLINGS OF LABOR LEADERS AND LABOR ORGANIZERS.

Adopted.

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