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A RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY, AND PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE KILLING OF KATELEEN MYCA ULPINA AND OTHER MINOR INDIVIDUALS

WHEREAS, in 29 June 2019, 3-year old Kateleen Myca Ulpina, the latest casualty and perhaps the youngest in the growing number of children killed in the government's war on drugs, was shot by Rodriguez, Rizal police in a "tokhang" operation targeting her father;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution clearly provides that the State shall promote and protect the youth's physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being (Article II, Section 13), and is mandated to defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development (Article XV, Section 3);

WHEREAS, the Philippines, as a State Party to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child committed to recognize that every child has the inherent right to life and ensure to the maximum extent possible the survival and development of the child;

WHEREAS, the State, in providing special protection to children from all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, and discrimination and other conditions prejudicial to their development, has enacted into law Republic Act No. 7610 or the "Special protection of Children against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act," RA No. 9208, RA No. 9262 or the "Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004," RA 9344 or the "Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006," among others;

WHEREAS, according to latest data gathered by the Children's Legal Rights and Development Center, there has been over fifty (50) minor individuals killed in the government's violent war on drugs;

WHEREAS, among the youngest slain are San Nino Batucan (7 years old), Danica Mae Garcia (5 years old), Francis Manosca (5 years old), and Althea Fhem Barbon (4 years old), children who are not capable of understanding even the most basic ways of the world and who society vowed to protect;

WHEREAS, the police involved in the operation alleged that Myca's father, Renato Dolorfina used her as a human shield, a claim belied by her mother, and which uncannily echoes the standard "nanlaban" assertions of police authorities;

WHEREAS, innocent children are not spared the violence brought about by this 3-year war on drugs, and these deaths demand urgent action from this august chamber.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, TO URGE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY, AND PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE KILLING OF KATELEEN MYCA ULPINA AND OTHER MINOR INDIVIDUALS.

Adopted,


RISA HONTIVEROS
Senator