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Introduced by Senator JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA

RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR,
EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND
OTHER APPROPRIATE STANDING SENATE COMMITTEES TO
INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LABOR
DISPUTE BETWEEN THE LABOR UNIONS OF HACIENDA
LUISITA AND ITS MANAGEMENT WHICH RESULTED INTO
THE UNFORTUNATE DEATHS AND INJURIES OF SCORES OF
FARM WORKERS**

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of November 2004, scores men, women and children were injured in a clash between the members of the two unions of Hacienda Luisita and policemen in a dispersal operation meant to clear the perimeter of strikers;

WHEREAS, the rally was an offshoot of breakdown in the negotiations between the Central Azucarera de Tarlac Labor Union (CATLU) and the management of Hacienda Luisita regarding economic provisions of their Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA);

WHEREAS, another union, the United Luisita Workers Union (ULWU) also demanded from the management of Hacienda Luisita the reinstatement of 327 farm workers some of whom were labor leaders;

WHEREAS, despite the move by the Secretary of Labor in assuming jurisdiction over the dispute on 10 November 2004 the issue remained unresolved ending in the unfortunate deaths of seven workers and injury of scores of workers including members of their families; Now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Senate Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resource Development and other appropriate standing Senate Committees to investigate, in aid of legislation, on the causes of the labor dispute between the labor unions of Hacienda Luisita and its management which resulted into the unfortunate deaths and injuries of scores of farm workers.

Adopted,


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator