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Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

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### RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE SHOOTING RAMPAGE COMMITTED BY POLICE OFFICER 1 JONATHAN MOREÑO DURING THE "ATI-ATIHAN" FESTIVAL IN KALIBO, AKLAN THAT LEFT SEVEN (7) POLICEMEN AND CIVILIANS DEAD AND THIRTY-THREE (33) OTHERS WOUNDED, WITH THE END VIEW OF REVIEWING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE' GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS NOT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO THE RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS BUT MOST ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO ARE IN THE ACTIVE SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Police Officer 1 Jonathan Moreño went on a shooting rampage at the "Ati-atihan" religious festival in Kalibo, Aklan on the morning of January 16, 2005 killing six (6) people including Aklan Police Provincial Director Senior Superintendent Odelardo Magayanes, Kalibo Chief of Police Chief Inspector Manuel Ilejay, Jr. and a ten-year old girl identified as Judelyn Cuales, and wounding thirty three (33) other people before he himself was shot dead by responding policemen;

**WHEREAS**, the shooting took place outside the cathedral in Kalibo, sending thousands of people gathered there to celebrate the feast of the Sto. Nino scampering for safety;

**WHEREAS**, citing initial investigation reports, PNP Director General Edgar Aglipay said PO1 Moreño was a primary witness against a drug lord and was apparently disturbed due to pressures and threats against his family. His colleagues likewise observed that he seemed troubled and had spoken little in the days leading to the shooting;

**WHEREAS**, Police Director General Aglipay told reporters in Camp Crame police general headquarters that PO1 Moreño has a psychological problem;

**WHEREAS**, considering that policemen are charged with the maintenance of peace and order in the community and in the performance of their duties are issued service firearms, their mental fitness to bear and withstand the rigors of their chosen profession should be assured;

**WHEREAS**, if the shooting incident was indeed a result of mental instability on the part of PO1 Moreño as reported, a review and enforcement of strict guidelines and standards should be undertaken not only in the recruitment of new police officers but also to those policemen in the active service, to prevent another similar incident from taking place;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, into the shooting rampage committed by PO1 Jonathan Moreño during the "Ati-atihan" festival in Kalibo, Aklan that left seven (7) policemen and civilians dead and thirty-three (33) others wounded, with the end view of reviewing the Philippine National Police' guidelines and standards not only with respect to the recruitment and selection of new police officers but most especially to those who are in the active service.

Adopted,

  
**MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.**  
Senator