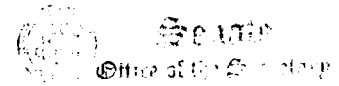
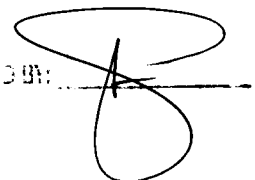


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON A ROAD RAGE INCIDENT LAST AUGUST 8, 2023, INVOLVING A CYCLIST AND A DISMISSED POLICE OFFICER, WHEREIN THE LATTER ASSAULTED AND HELD THE FORMER AT GUNPOINT

WHEREAS, last August 27, 2023, respected lawyer Atty. Raymond Fortun posted on his Facebook Page a plea to help identify a car owner who assaulted a cyclist and held the latter at gunpoint in what appears to be a road rage incident;

WHEREAS, the road rage incident happened last August 8, 2023, around 6:00 PM near Welcome Rotonda (now Mabuhay Rotonda), Quezon City, as stated by Atty. Fortun;

WHEREAS, a hyperlink that directed to a video clip captured by a passerby who happens to be a vlogger, showing the road rage incident between the cyclist and his assailant can also be seen on the same Facebook post of Atty. Fortun;

WHEREAS, the above mentioned video clip showed a red sedan driving along the bike lane of a highway and after a few seconds, cut a cyclist, who, because of this, hit the said car. Not long after, the driver of the said car, stepped out of the vehicle and strike hard with his hand the cyclist's helmet and pulled out a gun and cocked it;

WHEREAS, recording of the video has stopped because the passerby vlogger filming inside his vehicle was frightened of the altercation and the pulling out of gun he has just witnessed;

WHEREAS, in no time at all, the assailant was identified as Wilfredo "Willie" Gonzales, allegedly a dismissed police officer;

WHEREAS, according to Atty. Fortun, he has received anonymous tips that allegedly, the assailant is currently connected with the judiciary;

WHEREAS, in an unfortunate turn of events, Atty. Fortun in another Facebook post stated that the cyclist no longer wishes to press charges against Mr. Gonzales due to fear for his personal safety and well-being of his family;

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2023, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) has preventively suspended the driver's license of Mr. Gonzales for ninety (90) days. On the other hand, the PNP Firearms and Explosives Office (FEO) has issued an order revoking the License to Own and Possess Firearms, Firearms Registration and Permit to Carry Firearms Outside Residence;

WHEREAS, acts of assaulting an unarmed person and holding him or her at gunpoint because of a traffic altercation should be condemned and the person who abuses his or her privilege to own, possess and carry a firearm should be held accountable;

WHEREAS, numerous incidents have been reported on the discrimination and harassment faced by cyclists while using public roads;

WHEREAS, roads as a public domain should be shared by all, cyclist, pedestrians and motorists alike;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to conduct an investigation to assess and review the effectiveness of existing laws and regulations in safeguarding and ensuring safe road usage for all;

WHEREAS, road safety is not limited to improving infrastructure but ensuring the safe travel of every person and keeping them secured from any bodily harm that may emanate from a fellow road user;

WHEREAS, acts of violence has no place in our society. Those who choose to inflict injury towards another in shared public spaces, such as roads and thoroughfares should be held accountable and answerable to the laws of the land;

WHEREAS, the culture of impunity will never be acceptable and its propagation should be prevented and not given the slightest chance to succeed or even gain traction in the minds and hearts of our people;

WHEREAS, furthermore, it is essential to determine the necessity of crafting legislation to prevent road rage to protect civilians using public roads against violence; and ensure that those who are entrusted to own/ possess and carry firearms are responsible and mentally stable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on a road rage incident in Quezon City, last August 8, 2023, involving a cyclist and a dismissed police officer, wherein the latter assaulted and held the former at gunpoint.

Adopted,

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JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO