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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

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**A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER  
AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO INVESTIGATE THE ATROCIOUS KILLING  
OF MANUEL ZACHARY ARANETA ESCUDERO DURING A  
CELLULAR PHONE SNATCHING INCIDENT**

WHEREAS, on 20 January 2006, Manuel Zachary Araneta Escudero, a 19-year old student, was haplessly shot on the chest by cellular phone snatchers, when he refused to give them his cellular phone, along P. Ocampo corner Arellano streets, Singalong, Manila;

WHEREAS, although Task Force Escudero, the team of policemen created to resolve Escudero's murder, has claimed to have caught and gunned down one of the alleged killers, Victor Martin Ong, there was no thorough investigation conducted to determine the exact details of the crime;

WHEREAS, Escudero is only one of the many victims of cellular phone snatching in the country, as well as of senseless killings committed in the course of such robbery;

WHEREAS, the Organisasyon ng mga Galit sa Magnanakaw reported that more than half a million cellular phones are stolen in the country each year;

WHEREAS, various news reports all over the country cited increasing incidents of cellular phone snatching, posing danger not only to property but also to the lives of cellular phone owners, as in the case of Escudero;

WHEREAS, the Philippine government cannot ignore this mounting criminality, victimizing defenseless cellular phone users;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, that the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs of the Senate of the Philippines investigate the atrocious killing of Manuel Zachary Araneta Escudero, not only to bring justice to his death but also to explore possible measures to curb the crime of cellular phone snatching and to prevent a repeat of such unfortunate incident.

ADOPTED,

  
FRANCIS N. PANGILINAN