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Introduced by **SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO**

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RECENT SPATE OF VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY THE YOUTH**

**WHEREAS**, hogging the headlines for the past weeks were reports of deaths caused by the youth who are mostly in their teenage years;

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, a second year high school student in Caloocan City was reported to have stabbed and killed his teacher who berated him for sporting long hair;

**WHEREAS**, on September 21, a 13-year old was reported to have shot to death his 16-year old friend in Pampanga and thereafter, used the same gun to kill himself;

**WHEREAS**, on September 24 in Nueva Viscaya, an 18-year old was reported to have stabbed and killed his father whom he saw was fighting with his mother, then thereafter, killed himself;

**WHEREAS**, on the same day, a third year high school student in Pangasinan allegedly stabbed to death a schoolmate as a continuation of a spat that they had the day before;

**WHEREAS**, violence in any form is deplorable but more so when it involves the youth who are presumed to be in their formative years and are of innocence, but instead, are perpetrators of these acts of violence;

**WHEREAS**, these acts of violence committed by the youthful offenders likewise target their fellow youth who are vulnerable and unable to protect themselves;

**WHEREAS**, according to the data from the World Health Organization, across the world, an average of 565 young people aged 10 to 29 die every day through interpersonal violence, with males at greater risk;<sup>1</sup>

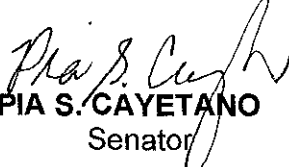
**WHEREAS**, there is a need to look into the root cause of this disturbing behavior among the youth – whether it is caused by alcohol, drugs, depression, family problems, or difficulty of understanding the change brought about by the shift from childhood to adulthood;

**WHEREAS**, the impact of youth violence does not only affect the immediate families of the suspects and victims, but reaches all sectors of society, placing huge strains on public services and damaging communities;

**WHEREAS**, the government needs to have a system in place to reinforce the obligations of parents under Article II Section 12 of the Constitution which states that the natural and primary right and duty in the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character is with the parents, with the State providing a supporting role;

**WHEREAS**, there is thus an urgent need to look into existing programs of the government to counter this unrest among the youth, how can these be further enhanced and what else needs to be done.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, that the appropriate Senate Committees look into, in aid of legislation, the current spate of violence committed by the youth.

  
**PIA S. CAYETANO**  
Senator

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.who.int/violence\\_injury\\_prevention/violence/world\\_report/factsheets/fs\\_youth.pdf](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/world_report/factsheets/fs_youth.pdf)