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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO CREATE A TRUST FUND FOR THE CHILDREN
OF THE LATE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
SECRETARY JESSE ROBREDO, AND THOSE SIMILARLY SITUATED, AS
DETERMINED BY THE PROPER GOVERNMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article Article XI, Section 1 provides: "Public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must, at all times, be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency; act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives";

WHEREAS, various media on 18 August 2012 reported that Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jesse Robredo and his companions went missing after the private plane he was riding crashed in the sea;

WHEREAS, on 21 August 2012 it was reported by various media that Robredo's body was found 800 meters from the shore at a depth of 180 feet;

WHEREAS, Robredo was survived by his wife, Atty. Leni Robredo; and his children, Jessica, Patricia, and Jillian;

WHEREAS, Robredo is one of the few well-loved and highly-esteemed public servants, who, upon his death, was mourned by the entire nation;

WHEREAS, in light of his unwavering dedication and tireless commitment to the betterment of Philippine society, it is but just that the Filipino people return the love, perseverance, and enthusiasm Secretary Robredo has shown while in service, by creating a trust fund for his children, which will be used for their education until college;

WHEREAS, such a trust fund should also be applicable to those similarly situated in government, such as those who have died in the line of duty, and those who, by the standards to be set up by the Civil Service Commission, shall be worthy to receive such funding for their children; this trust fund shall be limited to non-military, non-police personnel and government employees only;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, directing the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the need to create a trust fund for the children of the late Department of Interior and Local Government Secretary Jesse Robredo, and those similarly situated, as determined by the proper government agency.

Adopted,

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