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**A RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SHOOTING INCIDENT WHICH
HAPPENED IN ATIMONAN, QUEZON LAST 6 JANUARY 2013 THAT KILLED
THIRTEEN (13) PEOPLE**

Whereas, on 6 January 2013, Sunday, two Mitsubishi Montero sport utility vehicles were fired upon by elements of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Philippine Army (PA) after allegedly evading a checkpoint along Maharlika Highway, in Atimonan, Quezon;

Whereas, the incident ended with all thirteen (13) passengers of the vehicles dead and one PNP official wounded;

Whereas, among those killed are members of both police and military units, businessmen, and an environmentalist;

Whereas, reportedly, the incident was a culmination of a three-month police operation under "Coplan Armado";

Whereas, the Coplan, or the Case Operational Plan, was a plan against organized crime groups at the regional level of Calabarzon;

Whereas, the Coplan listed 15 targets and among them is Victor "Vic" Siman, alleged operator of the numbers racket "jueteng" disguised as government-sanctioned Small Town Lottery (STL) in Laguna and Batangas provinces;

Whereas, the Coplan was signed on 24 October 2012 and submitted to the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission (PAOCC) under the Office of the President, but was reportedly not approved;

Whereas, there is question whether this Coplan is valid because it was not approved but was merely submitted to the PAOCC;

Whereas, the initial findings of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), the lead investigator tasked by the President to look into the incident, contradict the reports and findings of the Philippine National Police (PNP);

Whereas, new information links the incident to a 'shootout' in Calamba, Laguna, last November, 2012, where six (6) individuals were killed by the police;

Whereas, latest reports say that it is apparent that no more than six (6) of the thirteen (13) fatalities may have had guns in their hands during the shootout and it is possible that there was no exchange of gunfire;

Whereas, the guns reportedly recovered from the scene were possibly planted to make it appear that those killed were armed;

Whereas, questions in protocol and jurisdiction are among the issues that needs clarification;

Whereas, the sheer number of people dead in the incident, and considering the abovementioned, makes an investigation imperative so that related legislations may be passed and/or amended as the need arise.

Be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the shooting incident which happened in Atimonan, Quezon Last 6 January 2013 that killed thirteen people.

Adopted.


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