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Introduced by Senator **Ana Theresia "Risa" Hontiveros - Baraquel**

RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EXORBITANT CHARGES IMPOSED BY PNP-SOCO ACCREDITED FUNERAL HOMES ON VICTIMS OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS

WHEREAS, the spate of alleged drug-related killings in the country has resulted in more than 7,000 dead bodies as of 12 March 2017;¹

WHEREAS, majority of the victims are from poor families² who can barely afford decent burial and funeral services;

WHEREAS, in some areas of the metropolis, the Philippine National Police-Scene of the Crime Operatives (PNP-SOCO) is designating PNP-accredited funeral parlors to facilitate the removal of the cadaver from the scene of the crime;

WHEREAS, it has been observed in the communities that after the declaration of the War on Drugs, these accredited funeral homes charge as much as PhP 35,000 to PhP 60,000, sometimes even amounting to as much as PhP 95,000 -- several times more than the previous rates of PhP 7,000 to PhP 12,000;

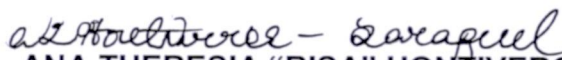
WHEREAS, due to the inability of many families to retrieve their loved ones from these funeral homes, many bodies have been left in piles in unsanitary and demeaning conditions³, posing health and sanitation risks;

WHEREAS, the victims of the families affected by these ruthless killings are already suffering from shock and trauma, yet they are made to deal with the stress of cobbling together the funds necessary to provide a decent burial for their loved ones;

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to halt these unscrupulous practices and impose proper penalties to erring funeral homes, as well as determine if liability can be attached to the police officers in charge of their accreditation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the practice of PNP-SOCO-accredited funeral homes to charge exorbitant amounts to families of victims of extra-judicial killings.

Adopted,


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¹ <http://www.rappler.com/newsbreak/iq/145814-numbers-statistics-philippines-war-drugs>

² <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2017/01/philippines-the-police-murderous-war-on-the-poor/>

³ <http://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/real-life/death-toll-in-philippines-drug-crackdown-nears-6000-as-shocking-new-photographs-of-street-executions-are-published/news->