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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE RECENT BUS ACCIDENT IN NUEVA ECIJA AND LOOK INTO THE ROAD SAFETY POLICIES AND REGULATIONS BEING IMPLEMENTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, WITH THE END VIEW OF IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY STANDARDS AND PROTECTING THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF PASSENGERS AND PEDESTRIANS

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life liberty, and property and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all people of the blessings of democracy";

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the State to enact laws and policies that will ensure a safe, viable and dependable road safety system in the country in order to protect the welfare of the general public;

WHEREAS, road accidents are very common in the Philippines due to poor road signs and infrastructure;

WHEREAS, we have witnessed these past few months a surge in the number of road accidents, the recent of which involved a bus in Nueva Ecija that claimed the lives of more than 29 people;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to implement strictly the posting of appropriate road safety devices and road signs as studies indicate that many of the traffic signs in our country still do not conform to internationally accepted standards on color, size and shape;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to implement an aggressive and proactive road safety signs and infrastructures, especially to roads that are considered risky due to topography and location;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved to direct the Senate Committees on Public Services and Public Works to conduct an inquiry, In Aid of Legislation, into the road safety policies and regulations being implemented by government agencies, with the end view of improving road safety standards in consonance to international standards of road signs and signals, thus protecting the lives of millions of vehicle passengers and pedestrians in the country.

ADOPTED,

EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO