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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE MURDER OF ATTY. MIA MASCARIÑAS-GREEN AND OTHER UNSOLVED KILLINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES AND ACTIVISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, WITH THE END VIEW OF EXAMINING THE SUFFICIENCY OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) PROCEDURES IN THESE INSTANCES

WHEREAS, the Philippines remains one of the most dangerous countries in the world for legal professionals and other advocates, with more than two hundred lawyers and judges murdered in the last ten years;

WHEREAS, environmental activists, in particular, have been targeted by this violence, with more than 100 killed in the last two decades, including at least 12 since the current administration took office;

WHEREAS, in a widely-publicized incident, Mia Manuelita Mascariñas-Green, a lawyer and an environmental activist, became the most recent victim of this unfortunate trend when she was shot and killed by two armed men and many accomplices on February 15, 2017, in Tagbilaran City;

WHEREAS, eyewitnesses report that after a motorbike forced Atty. Mascariñas-Green to stop by swerving in front of her Toyota Innova, two gunmen approached from both sides, disabling the vehicle before firing on Atty. Mascariñas-Green herself, who sustained at least seven bullets to the head and neck, leading to her painful death;

WHEREAS, the Gunmen then reportedly accessed the car and attempted to kill her three children (ages 1, 1 and 10) and nanny but the gun jammed;

WHEREAS, despite being positively identified by over 3 eye witnesses within 3 hours of the assault and knowing the exact location of the suspects, the local police reportedly refused to arrest the suspects pursuant to the doctrine of "hot pursuit";

WHEREAS, reports state that it took more than forty eight (48) hours for police to raid the hotel where the suspects were spotted after the incident, thus allowing them to elude arrest;

WHEREAS, the perpetrators of most of these killings, including Atty. Mascariñas-Green's, have yet to be brought to justice;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO URGE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE UNSOLVED KILLINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS AND ADVOCATES IN THE PHILIPPINES, THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF ATTY. MIA MANUELITA MASCARIÑAS-GREEN, AND THE SUFFICIENCY OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE PROCEDURES *VIS-À-VIS* SUCH INCIDENTS.

Adopted.

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