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RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE RECENT SERIES OF DRUG RAIDS BY THE
POLICE AND THE DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S DRUG WAR, WITH THE
END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING THE POSSIBLE ACCOUNTABILITY OF POLICE
OFFICERS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES INVOLVED, STOPPING POLICE ABUSE AND
PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF OUR CITIZENS**

WHEREAS, in a span of only four days, forty nine (49) people died in a series of police operations conducted in Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas, Valenzuela, and Manila as part of this administration's drug war. On the same week, thirty two (32) drug suspects were killed in an overnight "drug sweep" conducted across the province of Bulacan;

WHEREAS, since July 1, 2016, police forces and "unidentified gunmen" have killed at least 7,000 suspected drug users and dealers, including 3,116 killed in police operations, and 31 children;

WHEREAS, on 16 August 2017, 12 people were killed during police operations in Caloocan City, including 17-year old Grade 11 student Kian Delos Santos. He was found dead, lying face down in fetal position, with two gunshot wounds to the head and one to his back;

WHEREAS, based on initial investigations, about a dozen members of the Police Community Precinct (PCP) 7 led by PO2 Arnes Oares were conducting "Oplan Galugad" operations around 8 p.m. in Libis Baisa, Barangay 160, when Kian allegedly fired at them with a 45-caliber pistol;

WHEREAS, a CCTV footage showed men in civilian attire dragging a young man believed to be Kian towards the dark alley where he was found dead. Eyewitness accounts confirmed that the person in the footage was Kian who was unarmed and did not resist arrest. A witness interviewed by The Manila Bulletin said she saw Kian being punched and slapped by four policemen who were not in uniform but were all armed

with guns that night. Witnesses likewise attest that the men ordered Kian to hold and fire the gun, then run, which Kian did while in tears;

WHEREAS, contrary to police claims, the autopsy conducted by the Public Attorney's Office shows that Kian died of three gunshot wounds - the two most fatal being fired while Kian was on the ground facedown with the killer standing over him;

WHEREAS, to ensure that the alleged pattern of deception, misconduct, and abuse by the police is not perpetrated, there is a need to look into the countless accounts from witnesses and survivors of previous anti-drug police operations on the alleged modus by the police of planting evidence and claiming self-defense to justify killings in the course of the drug raids, depriving suspects of their right to due process and claiming innocent lives;

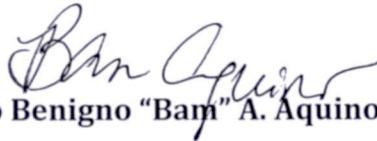
WHEREAS, despite the alarming number of deaths perpetrated by the police who have sworn to serve and protect the public, top government authorities have, on numerous occasions, expressed their unqualified support for the police and shielded them from accountability, with the Chief of the Philippine National Police (PNP) justifying the high death toll as "normal" given the scope of operations, and the President himself saying that if a suspect is unarmed, "*bigyan mo ng bari!*";

WHEREAS, the senselessness of the killings is made even more apparent and reprehensible, given that the current administration's "war on drugs" has not only proven itself to be a bloody and deadly one, but also a highly ineffective one, considering indications that the domestic drug trade is still lucrative enough to attract big-time drug dealers and smugglers to attempt to smuggle large shipments of illegal drugs into our country from foreign jurisdiction, as demonstrated by the recent discovery of ₱6.4 billion (US\$126 million) worth of shipment of shabu from China in a warehouse in Valenzuela City;

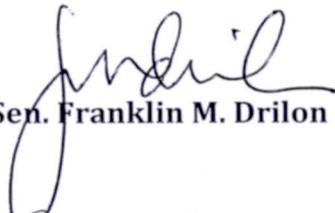
WHEREAS, there is a need not only to attain justice for Kian and other victims of State abuse in the hands of our law enforcers and authorities, but also to reassess and change the strategy of the administration's drug war, which unjustly targets the poor and the helpless while failing to prosecute big-time drug suppliers and failing to address the root causes of the drug menace in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to direct the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the recent series of drug raids by the police and the direction of the administration's drug war, with the end in view of determining the possible accountability of police officers and other authorities involved, stopping police abuse and protecting the rights of our citizens.

Adopted,



Sen. Paolo Benigno "Bam" A. Aquino IV



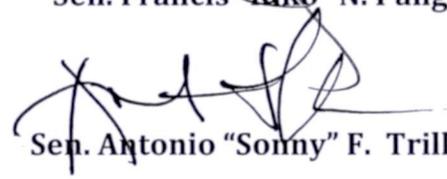
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I fully support
and concur in
this Resolution.
And I fervently
wish that I'll be
able to participate
in the proposed
inquiry.