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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CASE OF GIAN HABAL, WHO WAS KILLED DURING POLICE OPERATIONS IN CALOOCAN, AS WELL AS OTHER CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF ANTI-DRUG POLICE OPERATIONS UNDER THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION**

**WHEREAS**, Gian Habal, a six-year old boy who was playing peacefully outside their home was killed last Sunday due to a gunshot to the head during an encounter between Caloocan police officer Rocky delos Reyes and a still unidentified drug suspect<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, police officer Rocky delos Reyes was reportedly patrolling the area when he saw the unidentified suspect and chased him with the intention of arresting him. Upon further investigation, was discovered that Officer delos Reyes was not even part of Caloocan Police Station's Arrest Section but was a member of another unit;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the death of Gian, his grandmother also sustained a bullet shot wound inflicted by delos Reyes when she and her husband tried to pursue the police officer;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, it was found that Officer de los Reyes already has a previous case against him involving an illegal misfire from his firearm;

**WHEREAS**, Gian Habal is not the only child that have died under anti-drug police operations under the Duterte administration. From July 2016 to December 2017, 74 minors had been killed in police operations, the youngest among them being Danica May Garcia, aged 5, who died in a drug-related shooting in Dagupan City last August 2016<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, this is likewise not the first time that the Caloocan police force has found itself at the center of controversy involving minors as -- the killing of Kian de los Santos minor accused of being involved in illegal drugs, has generated outrage against the brutal practices of police officers in anti-drug operations;

**WHEREAS**, despite the guilty verdict in the case of de los Santos against the three involved officers, it appears that the culture of impunity and violence still persists, and our children are still caught in the crossfire;

**WHEREAS**, the death of Habal and the other deaths of children call for us to review and reexamine the current policy against errant police officers, but beyond that, it should compel us to look at the War on Drugs and the broader system of violence, criminalization and disregard for human rights that enables illegal police activities;

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2019/04/30/1913659/boy-killed-firefight-wanted-become-cop>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.rappler.com/nation/229235-boy-killed-by-stray-bullet-caloocan-police-operation-april-2019>

<sup>3</sup> <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/980513/group-finds-74-minors-in-drug-war-body-count>

NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, TO DIRECT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CASE OF GIAN HABAL, WHO WAS KILLED DURING POLICE OPERATIONS IN CALOOCAN, AS WELL AS OTHER CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF POLICE OPERATIONS UNDER THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION.

Adopted,

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