

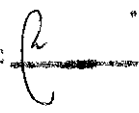
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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO**  
**CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,**  
**ON THE ELEVEN -HOUR LONG HOSTAGE-TAKING INCIDENT AT**  
**THE QUIRINO GRANDSTAND INVOLVING TWENTY FIVE PEOPLE**  
**ON BOARD A TOURIST BUS**

**WHEREAS**, Twenty-Two Hong Kong tourists and three Filipinos were held hostage on August 23, 2010 at the Quirino Grandstand, Manila;

**WHEREAS**, the eleven-hour long hostage-taking incident caused the death of seven Hong Kong tourists and eight others injured;

**WHEREAS**, after hours of negotiations, Mendoza freed seven tourists, a Filipino translator and a photographer, while the bus driver managed to escape from captivity;

**WHEREAS**, the hostage-taker was former Senior Insp. Rolando del Rosario Mendoza, a multi-awarded officer who cited as one of the 10 outstanding policemen in the Philippines in 1986 and recipient of 17 other awards;

**WHEREAS**, Mendoza was charged with robbery, extortion and grave threats. He was relieved as chief of the Mobile Patrol Unit and dismissed by the PNP in 2009, with the forfeiture of all his retirement benefits;

**WHEREAS**, shortly after the incident ended, Hong Kong officials issued "Black Outbound Travel Alert" for the Philippines asking its residents to avoid all travel to the country;

**WHEREAS**, the black alert is the highest level of Hong Kong's three-sign Outbound Travel Alert system, indicating that a "severe threat" exists and all travel to the destination should be avoided;

**WHEREAS**, Chinese government demands the Philippine government to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident.

**WHEREAS**, international and local nationals who monitored the incident observed and concluded that perhaps there was procedural lapses on the part of our police enforcers;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to review our rules of procedures or policies with regard to enhancing the capability of our enforcers to properly handle incidents of this nature.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the eleven-hour long hostage-taking incident at the Quirino Grandstand involving twenty-five people on board a tourist bus.

Adopted.

  
**RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**