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**A RESOLUTION  
URGING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION, INTO THE MANIFEST BREAKDOWN OF DISCIPLINE IN THE  
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT HIGH-PROFILE  
CRIMINAL INCIDENTS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS  
OF THE ORGANIZATION**

**WHEREAS,** the Philippine National Police (PNP) is the primary government agency mandated to enforce the law, to prevent and control crimes, to maintain peace and order, and to ensure public safety and internal security with the active support of the community;

**WHEREAS,** recently, there have been many reports of police involvement in criminal activities such as recycling of illegal drugs confiscated during operations, coddling of drug lords, rape, kidnapping and extortion, and outright murder of suspects and killing of innocent civilians, the most sensational of which are the killing of Albura, Leyte Mayor Rolando Espinosa, Jr. and the kidnap-slay of Korean national Jee Ick-joo;


**WHEREAS,** these alleged participation of police officers in various criminal and illegal activities not only tarnish the image of the Philippine National


Police as the supposed protector of the people and guardian of public order, but manifest an exacerbating breakdown of discipline in the ranks of the organization, a sorry predicament the PNP Chief Ronald dela Rosa himself recently admitted;

**WHEREAS,** the level of discipline within the PNP is correlated with the recruitment policies and training of its members and officers that would ensure their competence, psychological fitness and moral integrity in the performance of their duties and functions, and with the disciplinary mechanisms in place which affect the morale and welfare of the police force;


**WHEREAS,** the present dysfunctions in the PNP and infractions being committed by its officers and members call for an assessment of the current recruitment, training and disciplinary systems in the PNP to re-instill a strong sense of discipline in the police force and guide legislators, policy-makers and the PNP leadership in the search for cure to the maladies of corruption and criminality within the ranks now infecting the organization.


**NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Committee on Public Order and Safety of the House of Representatives to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the evident breakdown of discipline in the Philippine National Police as reflected in the string of alleged crimes linking police officers, and to assess the current recruitment and training policies, as well as disciplinary mechanisms of the PNP in correlation to the objective of re-instilling a strong sense of discipline in the organization.

  
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