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House Resolution No. 373



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**Introduced by Representative ERIC GO YAP**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**CALLING FOR HOUSE INVESTIGATION ON THE DEATH OF PHILIPPINE**  
**MILITARY ACADEMY (PMA) CADET FOURTH CLASS DARWIN**  
**DORMITORIO AS A RESULT OF ALLEGED HAZING**

**WHEREAS**, under the Philippine Military Academy (PMA), cadets are to live under an atmosphere of restraint prescribed by rules and regulations to build the desirable character traits expected of cadets;

**WHEREAS**, it is customary in the Academy for upperclassmen to take corrective measures to ensure that plebes - fresh from the civilian life - meet the standards maintained by PMA;

**WHEREAS**, on September 18, 2019, 20-year-old Cadet Fourth Class Darwin Dormitorio was proclaimed dead at the PMA Station Hospital, initially due to cardiac arrest secondary to internal hemorrhage;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 8049, also known as the Ant-Hazing Law, states that if the person subjected to hazing suffers any physical injury or dies as a result thereof, the officers and members of the organization who actually participated in the infliction of physical pain shall be liable as principals;

**WHEREAS**, PMA officials linked to the death of Cadet Dormitorio have been relieved to pave the way for impartial investigation;

**WHEREAS**, authorities have identified three (3) suspects in his death and two (2) other cadets as new persons of interest;

**WHEREAS**, according to PMA Spokesperson Maj. Ray Afan, PMA is ready to file appropriate administrative and criminal charges to those who are involved;

**WHEREAS**, as hazing remains prevalent, RA 8049 proved to be ineffective in protecting the Filipino youth;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to review the provisions of RA 8049 in order to strengthen its implementation and finally end death from this senseless act;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of Representatives of the Philippines, to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the reported acts of violence through hazing by the members of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) against Cadet Darwin Dormitorio which resulted in the latter's death on September 18, 2019.

Approved,



**ERIC GO YAP**  
**ACT - CIS PARTYLIST**