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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 809



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**Introduced by CONGRESSMAN ALFRED VARGAS**

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**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE INVOLVEMENT OF PANDA COACH TOURS AND TRANSPORT, INC., IN A ROAD ACCIDENT IN TANAY, RIZAL ON FEBRUARY 20, 2017, KILLING 14 STUDENTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING FATAL ROAD ACCIDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Philippine Constitution, Article II Section 5 provides: "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;"

**WHEREAS**, the Best Link College of the Philippines in Novaliches, Quezon City, rented the bus with Plate Number TXS-325 from Panda Coach Tours and Transport, Inc., to transport 50 students to a resort in Rizal for a camping activity.

**WHEREAS**, on February 20, 2017, at 8:40 AM, the said vehicle allegedly lost control and hit an electric post in the vicinity of Magnetic Hill, Peligrino Farm, Sitio Bayukan, Barangay Sampaloc, Tanay Rizal, which caused the death of 14 students and the driver of the bus as of 12:43 PM.

**WHEREAS**, ten of the fatalities in the accident were killed on the spot.

**WHEREAS**, the Tanay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office cites brake failure as the cause of the accident.

**WHEREAS**, under Article 1733 of the New Civil Code: "Common carriers, from the nature of their business and for reasons of public policy, are bound to observe extraordinary diligence in the vigilance over the goods and for the safety of the passengers transported by them, according to all the circumstances of each case;"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the proper house committee to investigate, in aid of legislation, the involvement of Panda Coach Tours and Transport, Inc., in a road accident in Tanay, Rizal on February 20, 2017, for the end purpose of preventing fatal road accidents.

*Adopted,*

  
ALFRED VARGAS