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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 932



INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN ALFRED VARGAS

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE INVOLVEMENT OF LEOMARICK TRANS IN A ROAD ACCIDENT IN CARRANGLAN, NUEVA ECIJA ON APRIL 18, 2017, KILLING AT LEAST 32 PEOPLE, FOR THE PURPOSES OF PREVENTING FATAL ROAD ACCIDENTS AND PROVIDING STRICTER PENALTIES FOR SUCH INCIDENTS

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, on April 18, 2017, at around 11 AM, a bus traveling from Ilagan, Isabela to Candon, Ilocos Sur, operated by LeoMarick Trans, fell into a 100-foot ravine in Barangay Capintalan, Carranglan, Nueva Ecija, killing at least 32 individuals and injuring 45 people;

WHEREAS, according to Senior Superintendent Antonio Yarra, Police Director of Nueva Ecija Police, a survivor's account pointed to a burst tire as the cause of the accident;

WHEREAS, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) is also considering overloading as the cause of the incident as there are 77 people on the bus but it only has a seating capacity of 45 passengers;

WHEREAS, the LTFRB has already issued a preventive suspension order against LeoMarick Trans;

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;"

WHEREAS, bus companies as common carriers must exercise extraordinary diligence required by law in ensuring the safety of the commuting public;

WHEREAS, it is also be suggested that the penalties for violators of existing laws pertaining to road accidents should be increased, especially those penalizing the operators and owners of road-unworthy "coffins with wheels;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the House Committee on Transportation to investigate, in aid of legislation, the involvement of LeoMarick Trans in the road accident in Carranglan, Nueva Ecija on April 18, 2017, for the purposes of preventing fatal road accidents and providing stricter penalties for such incidents.

Adopted,



ALFRED VARGAS