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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1064



Introduced by **CONGRESSMAN ALFRED VARGAS**

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ATTACK AND ROBBERY IN RESORTS WORLD MANILA IN PASAY CITY ON JUNE 02, 2017, KILLING 36 PEOPLE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING SIMILAR INCIDENTS AND IMPROVING SECURITY PROTOCOLS

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 June 02, 2017, at around 12:00 AM, gunshots and explosions were heard from Resorts World Manila, a luxury hotel and casino in Pasay City;

WHEREAS, due to the proximity of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) to Resorts World Manila, the Manila International Airport Authority ordered the closure of the main gates of all four terminals of NAIA from 1:45 AM to 3:45 AM;

WHEREAS, at 2:00 AM, the management of Resorts World Manila announced that the hotel is on lockdown "following reports of gunfire from unidentified men;"

WHEREAS, at 4:00 AM, Mr. Stephen Reilly, Chief Operating Officer of Resorts World Manila, reported that the authorities have identified one gunman;

WHEREAS, at 6:30 AM, PNP Chief Dela Rosa reported that the gunman was found dead, took his own life by setting himself on fire;

WHEREAS, PNP Chief Dela Rosa said that 54 people sustained minor wounds, 18 of which were rushed to nearby hospitals;

WHEREAS, at 11:20 AM, Metro Manila Police Chief Oscar Albayalde reported that 37 dead bodies were found inside Resorts World Manila, including the gunman;

WHEREAS, most of the casualties were found in the casino's gaming area and died due to suffocation from smoke when the suspect burned the carpets;

WHEREAS, on June 03, 2017, the management of Resorts World Manila showed the CCTV footage of the incident, from the time the lone gunman entered the establishment up to the time he burned casino gaming tables, fired warning shots, and locked himself up in a room;

WHEREAS, Metro Manila Police Chief Albayalde said the gunman was carrying an M4 Carbine rifle, 90 rounds in three rifle magazines, and a .380 automatic pistol;

WHEREAS, the video showed the gunman 'walking through the casino and firing into the air most of the time, apparently as warning shots for people to leave;'

WHEREAS, the video also showed the gunman breaking into a storage room where poker chips were being kept;

WHEREAS, the video footage supported the claim of the police that the attack was a botched robbery attempt by one man with no known link to terrorism;

WHEREAS, on June 04, 2017, in a press conference at the Remington Hotel, police identified the suspect in the Resorts World Manila attack as Jesse Javier Carlos, a former employee of the Department of Finance (DoF) who had debts of more than four million pesos (Php 4,000,000.00);

WHEREAS, Carlos was sued by the DoF in 2011 for unexplained wealth and in 2014, the Ombudsman rejected his motion for reconsideration;

WHEREAS, in April 2017, upon the request of Carlos's family, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation had issued an order banning Carlos from playing in all casinos;

WHEREAS, incidents of this magnitude may have been prevented if there were no lapses in security;

WHEREAS, the casualties may be minimized if adequate security and safety protocols were in place;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the proper house committee to investigate, in aid of legislation, the attack and robbery in Resorts World Manila that killed 37 people on June 02, 2017, for the end purpose of preventing similar incidents and improving security protocols.

Adopted,



ALFRED VARGAS