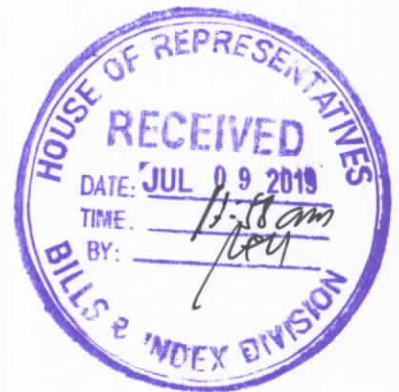


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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

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Introduced by

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**and REP. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO (Kabataan Partylist)**

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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEATH OF THREE-YEAR OLD KATELEEN MYKA ULPINA WHO WAS KILLED IN AN ANTI-DRUG OPERATION BY THE POLICE IN RODRIGUEZ, RIZAL**

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution provides that "The State shall defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their life and development";

**WHEREAS**, last June 30, 2019, a three-year old girl named Kateleen Myka Ulpina was killed in the crossfire with a gunshot wound to the head together with suspected drug dealer named Renato Dolorfina in an anti-drug operation conducted by the Philippine National Police (PNP) in Rodriguez, Rizal;

**WHEREAS**, the police reportedly accused the father of being armed, opening fire, and resisting arrest, allegedly using Myka as a human shield;

**WHEREAS**, Myka's mother belied authorities' claim that Myka was used as a human shield by his drug suspect father, adding that police broke in and smashed their windows while they were sleeping, and that the police did not provide any warrant of arrest or any legal papers;

**WHEREAS**, former Philippine National Police (PNP) chief and incumbent Senator Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa, said on Myka's case: "We are living in an imperfect world. Would a police officer want to shoot a child? Never, because they have children as well. But shit happens during operations," claiming the three-year old girl's death was simply collateral damage;

**WHEREAS**, the death of Kateleen Myka Ulpina is the latest addition to the list of over one hundred minors killed in the Duterte administration's anti-illegal drugs campaign;

**WHEREAS**, at least 29,000 cases of killings classified as deaths under inquiry have been recorded nationwide since President Duterte launched his crackdown on illegal drugs based on the data by the Philippine National Police (PNP);

**WHEREAS**, national and international laws hold the highest regard for the rights of life and due process and strictly prohibit the use of lethal force by agents of the State;

**WHEREAS**, there has been a surge of killings nationwide of suspected criminals, mostly identified by the police as suspected drug dealers, pushers, or even mere users, but targeting impoverished areas and have victimized mostly the youth;

**WHEREAS**, the drug war has impaired the future of thousands of Filipino children who continue to grapple with the psychological, emotional, social and economic impact of the killings of their loved ones, and worse, Filipino children themselves being the casualties of police operations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House Committee on Human Rights conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the death of three-year old Kateleen Myka Ulpina who was killed in an anti-drug operation by the Philippine National Police (PNP) in Rodriguez, Rizal last June 30, 2019.

Adopted,

  
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