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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 529



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Introduced by **KABATAAN PARTY-LIST Representative Sarah Jane I. Elago,**  
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**RESOLUTION**  
**CALLING FOR THE URGENT PROBE OF THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY**  
**ON THE ALARMING CONSECUTIVE DEATHS OF CADETS AND SEVERAL**  
**INCIDENTS OF HAZING INSIDE THE ACADEMY**

**WHEREAS**, Cadet fourth class Mario Telan Jr. was found dead on the 15-foot deep end of the Philippine Military Academy's (PMA) pool on November 8, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, Telan Jr. was attending his swim class from 11 am to 12 pm as part of the PMA's curriculum and training;

**WHEREAS**, the victim was found after his failure to attend his succeeding classes;

**WHEREAS**, the team leader after a thorough search found the victim around 2:44 pm after almost three hours prior to the incident;

**WHEREAS**, foul play was crossed out by PMA, which was supported by the CCTV footage from the pool and the recent autopsy report that declared his cause of death to be asphyxia by drowning;

**WHEREAS**, it doesn't free PMA from their accountability to the irregularities and the negligence over Cadet Telan's case;

**WHEREAS**, it was known that Telan was a beginner as proven by the CCTV footage wherein he was having a hard time catching up with the strokes exercises and the floating practicals;

**WHEREAS**, PMA should have had proper first-aid measures ready during swimming exercises and lifeguard capacities to ensure that every student is carefully monitored during deep swimming exercises;

**WHEREAS**, negligence is a crime and all involved in the said procedure must be subject to the rule of law;

**WHEREAS**, it is the primary duty of every Academic institutions to protect its students from harm and danger;

**WHEREAS**, Academic Institutions such as the Philippine Military Academy are expected to practice due diligence. The nature of training itself is extraordinary therefore precautionary mechanisms should be adopted to avoid accidental deaths;

**WHEREAS**, the death of Telan is the third one inside the PMA in a span of two months;

**WHEREAS**, Ace Bernabe Ekid, Edward Domingo, Monico De Guzman Jr., and Darwin Dormitorio were all plebes of the Philippine Military Academy who have died because of hazing incidents;

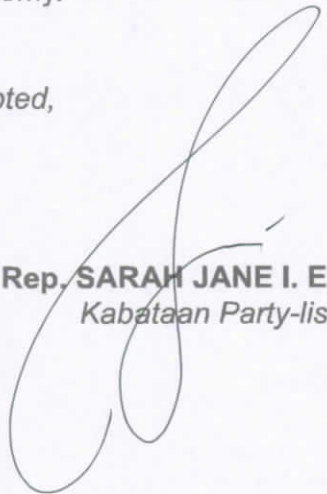
**WHEREAS**, due to the recent hazing incidents happening in PMA, it should not immediately discount whether Telan's was another case or is a prerequisite of hazing;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 11053 or the Anti-Hazing Act of 2018 strongly condemns hazing practices;

**WHEREAS**, the failure of the Philippine Military Academy to protect its students from hazing or accidental death should be subject to further deliberation;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives urgently probe the Philippine Military Academy on the alarming consecutive deaths of cadets and several incidents of hazing inside the academy.

*Adopted,*

  
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