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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Res No. 366

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE VERY TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF KAGAY-ANON DARWIN DORMITORIO DUE TO MURDEROUS HAZING BY HIS UPPER CLASSMEN AND THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE, IF NOT COMPLICITY, OF THE OFFICIALS OF THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY

WHEREAS, Kagay-anon Darwin Dormitorio, a graduate of Xavier University Senior High School, was incorporated in the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) last July as a member of PMA Class of 2023;

WHEREAS, there are conflicting reports on what actually happened, with some reports stating that Dormitorio complained of stomach pain and was vomiting before he died, while there are also reports that he was found unconscious inside Room 209 of Mayo Hall Annex of the PMA campus, Fort General Gregorio Del Pilar, in Baguio City;

WHEREAS, he was rushed to the PMA Station Hospital at around 4 am that day and was declared dead at around 5:15 AM;

WHEREAS, the next day, September 19, the PMA announced that the initial findings showed that "cardiac arrest secondary to internal hemorrhage" caused his death;

WHEREAS, on September 20, the PMA confirmed that Cadet Fourth Class Darwin Dormitorio died of hazing, said confirmation being made at a press conference in Baguio City presided by PMA Superintendent Lieutenant General Ron Evangelista;

WHEREAS, the autopsy conducted on Dormitorio showed bruises on different parts of his body that are probably the result of him being punched and kicked several times;

WHEREAS, twenty cadets are facing investigation in connection with Dormitorio's death with some of them being under restrictive confinement to ensure their availability;

WHEREAS, Cordillera police chief Brigadier General Ephraim Dickson said they already have three persons of interest, he said that "bale dalawang third class cadets ibig sabihin 2nd year at isang 1st class or 4th year";

WHEREAS, the family of Dormitorio posted on social media regarding the death and expressed their frustrations with the PMA calling it "hazing academy" and also stating that Dormitorio had "broken internal organs" and was electrocuted in his private parts;

WHEREAS, this is not the first time a cadet died of hazing in the Philippine Military Academy;

WHEREAS, the death of Cadet Dormitorio happened even if a stronger anti-hazing law was enacted, Republic Act No. 11053 or the Anti-Hazing Act of 2018;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11053 prohibits hazing and imposes harsher penalties on organizers and participants of hazing, which however, did not prevent these upper classmen from hazing cadet Dormitorio;

WHEREAS, there is a need to look into this very tragic death in order to prevent this from happening again;

WHEREAS, the PMA officials and cadets involved in this senseless death should be investigated to leave no stone unturned in finding out who are responsible for Darwin Dormitorio's death.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives to direct the appropriate committee of the House of Representatives to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation on the very tragic and untimely death of Kagay-anon Darwin Dormitorio due to murderous hazing by his upper classmen and the gross negligence, if not complicity, of the officials of the Philippine Military Academy.

Adopted,


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