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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 367



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES SARAH JANE I. ELAGO and ROLANDO
"KLAREX" A. UY

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES AND COMMITMENT OF THE
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXACT JUSTICE AND
ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE PASSING OF HAZING VICTIM, PHILIPPINE MILITARY
ACADEMY FOURTH CLASS CADET DARWIN DORMITORIO

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2019, fourth class cadet Darwin Dormitorio, was confirmed dead on arrival at PMA Station Hospital, Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City after sustaining injuries from a suspected hazing incident by two third class cadets or those in their second year, and a first class cadet or a graduating student¹;

WHEREAS, members of the house express their profound condolences, and commitment to exact justice for Darwin Dormitorio;

WHEREAS, three cadets are now under detention and undergoing investigation; and

WHEREAS, twenty cadets from Dormitorio's class are considered as potential witnesses for the case;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11053 or the Anti-Hazing Act of 2018 strongly condemns hazing practices among fraternities, sororities, and organizations;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11053 or the Anti-hazing Act of 2018 imposes the penalty of reclusion perpetua and a fine of Three million pesos (Php 3,000,000.00) shall be imposed upon those who actually planned or participated in the hazing if, as a consequence of the hazing, death, rape, sodomy, or mutilation results therefrom;

¹ Gonzales, C., Cabreza, V. (2019) "Police confirm PMA cadet died due to hazing". Inquirer.net

WHEREAS, fourth class cadet Dormitorio is not the first victim of hazing within the ranks of the Philippine Military Academy, an institution committed to the selfless service to God and country, honor and excellence;

WHEREAS, Ace Bernabe Ekid², Edward Domingo³, and Monico De Guzman Jr.⁴ were all plebes of the Philippine Military Academy who have died because of hazing incidents;

WHEREAS, these incidents hide under so-called "instilling of discipline" and inculcating "homogeneity of the military" in which case everyone starts on equal footing regardless of social class, family background, and economic standing⁵;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that we express the profound condolences and commitment of the members of the House of Representatives to exact justice and accountability for the passing of hazing victim Philippine Military Academy fourth class cadet Darwin Dormitorio.

Adopted,

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² Romero, P., Alambra, A. (2000) "Mystery shrouds death of PMA cadet in Cavite". Inquirer.net
³ Alambra, A. (2001). "Another PMA cadet dies of hazing". Inquirer.net
⁴ Orosa, R. (2001). "Father believes son died in hazing". Inquirer.net
⁵ Alambra, A. (2001). "Another PMA cadet dies of hazing". Inquirer.net