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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 397



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Introduced by Rep. Jose "Bonito" C. Singson, Jr.

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A RESOLUTION  
URGING THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO  
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE EVENTS LAST SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 IN  
BORACAY AKLAN, WHERE 7 DRAGON BOAT PADDLERS LOST THEIR LIFE  
WHILE TRAINING

**Whereas**, In the morning of September 25, 2019, members of the Boracay Dragon Force Team, who were gearing up for an international competition in Taiwan, was practicing off Sitio Lingganay in Barangay Manoc-Manoc when their boat was hit by strong waves, causing it to tip over.

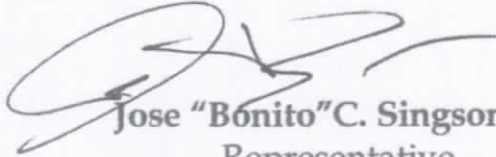
**Whereas**, the Philippine Coast Guard who responded to the incident, reported the death by drowning, of 7 members of the 21-member dragon boat team.

**Whereas**, according to news reports about the incident, Captain Armand Balilo, Coast Guard spokesman, was quoted as stating that, no one wore life vests during the training as Dragon Boat training is not covered under the Coast Guard's rules on the wearing of life vests.

**Whereas**, considering that this is not the first time an incident involving water sports have happened which resulted to death or incapacitation of our athletes, it is imperative that an investigation on the incident be conducted in order to come up with potential legislation aimed at providing safety regulation for athletes involved in extreme water sports.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives to direct the proper Committee to conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the events surrounding the death of 7 members of the Boracay Dragon Force Team, when their Dragon Boat was tipped over by strong waves while they were training last Sept. 25, 2019.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jose Bonito C. Singson, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Jose "Bonito" C. Singson, Jr.  
Representative  
Probinsyano Ako Party List