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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1448

Introduced by Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION, INTERNAL AFFAIRS SERVICE AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE TO IMMEDIATELY IMPOSE SANCTIONS AND INITIATE ADMINISTRATIVE AND CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST ERRING POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAVE AN UNUSUALLY HIGH NUMBER OF OFFENSES AND CASES

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Police has continually built public trust through good service and assistance during calamities and emergencies. In fact, they should be commended for their sacrifices during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the act of a single bad egg will tarnish the good reputation of the Philippine National Police as an institution. It must be ensured that there are no active police officers who are unfit for duty;

WHEREAS, last December 21, 2020, a video of a police officer shooting two unarmed civilians circulated on the internet. The incident sparked anger and was condemned by the public as it was a clear abuse of authority;

WHEREAS, the video showed Mrs. Sonya Gregorio and his son, Mr. Frank Anthony Gregorio, having a heated disagreement with PSMSgt Jonel Nuezca over loud noises due to the use of an improvised cannon. Nuezca fatally shot the Gregorios in front of his minor daughter;

WHEREAS, records show that Nuezca had several cases filed against him in the past including grave misconduct and neglect of duty. This included homicide cases and refusal to take drug tests. However, despite the high number of offenses and cases, Nuezca remained to be on duty and is an active police officer;
WHEREAS, there is also a need for the National Police Commission and the Philippine National Police to clear their ranks immediately for erring officers. Nuezca previously had several cases filed against him which could have prompted monitoring of his actions and eventual dismissal but he was allowed to stay on the force. Cops who have numerous pending cases should be immediately disciplined and sanctioned;

WHEREAS, the Internal Affairs Service of the Philippine National Police should identify the police officers who have an unusually high number of offenses and cases, and initiate actions for these officers to be immediately relieved from duty;

WHEREAS, a manual of procedure should be formulated, published, and implemented to immediately execute disciplinary measures on police officers who are repeat offenders so that they will not be able to commit graver offenses which will tarnish the reputation of the institution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the National Police Commission, Internal Affairs Service, and the Philippine National Police to immediately impose sanctions and initiate administrative and criminal cases against erring police officers who have an unusually high number offenses and cases.

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