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**Introduced by Rep. Lorenzo R. Tañada III**

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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO  
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED  
SUMMARY EXECUTIONS OF THE INDIVIDUALS SUSPECTED OF  
INVOLVEMENT IN THE RCBC-CABUYAO ROBBERY-HOMICIDE

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution guarantees the inalienable and inviolable nature of human rights, as well as the fundamental duty of the State to protect and preserve the same;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article III of the 1987 Constitution provides that “No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws”;

WHEREAS, Section 14, Article III of the 1987 Constitution provides that, “No person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense without due process of law.”

WHEREAS, on 22 May 2008, three individuals, namely, Vivencio Javier, Angelito Malabanan and Rolly Lachica, who were suspected of involvement in the Robbery-Homicide perpetrated upon the Cabuyao, Laguna Branch of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation on 16 May, were killed in an encounter with members of the Philippine National Police Task Force RCBC-Batangas, in Barangay Pagaspas, Tanauan City;

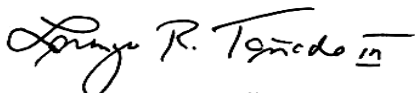
WHEREAS, the members of the PNP Task Force RCBC-Batangas allege that their visit to the homes of the victims had been made in connection to their investigation of the aforementioned RCBC Robbery-Homicide, and that they only opened fire in response to first action taken by the victims;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Human Rights, hereafter referred to as the Commission, upon investigation of the matter, has found the encounter in question to be irregular, and as having occurred in violation of the constitutional requirements of due process;

WHEREAS, the families of the victims have deemed it necessary to seek protection from the alleged perpetrators, and the Commission has determined their plea to be well-founded, and further, that a public inquiry made by the House Committee on Human Rights will deter further threats from being made upon the victims' families and any other material witnesses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the House Committee on Human Rights conduct a public inquiry, in aid of legislation, of the matter at hand, and resolve the matter of whether the PNP Task Force in question committed human rights violations that resulted in the victims' wrongful deaths.

Adopted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lorenzo R. Tañada III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

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