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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO CONDEMN IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE BOMBING AT THE NIGHT MARKET IN ROXAS AVENUE, DAVAO CITY THAT CLAIMED FIFTEEN (15) INNOCENT LIVES AND WOUNDED MORE THAN SIXTY (60) PEOPLE ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2016

WHEREAS, on 2 September 2016, at around 10:30 in the evening, a motor-based improvised explosive device detonated by a cellular phone exploded in the crowded night market in the central business district in Roxas Avenue, Davao City, killing fifteen (15) innocent civilians and wounding more than sixty (60) unsuspecting people;

WHEREAS, just like what the terrorists did in Paris, Brussels, and Germany where the bombings were perpetrated in crowded areas where people converged to relax and have fun, the orchestrated terrorist attack in Davao City was done at the bustling night market where innocent people gathered to spend the night with their friends and loved ones;

WHEREAS, among those killed in the recent bombing were a single mother and former OFW working as one of the night market therapists while waiting for another opportunity to work abroad; a senior education official of CHED in ARMM; a policeman; a 17-year-old pharmacy student; and a teacher and her 14-year old son;

WHEREAS, the Dayao City bombing is the eighth attack by lawless elements on Mindanao's trade capital since the 1980s, bringing the statistics to seventy-three (73) fatalities and five hundred fifty-one (551) injuries;

WHEREAS, as the bombing has claimed a number of innocent lives and inflicted injuries to many, the perpetrators of this carnage should not go unpunished and should be immediately arrested and held accountable before our courts;

WHEREAS, this tragic loss of lives is mourned not only by the Filipino people but by the international community as well and we call on our countrymen to be vigilant and not allow despicable threats of wanton violence disrupt our normal daily lives;

WHEREAS, as we mourn the senseless loss of innocent lives in this incident, the Senate of the Philippines joins the entire nation in condemning this dastardly act of terrorism and stands as one with the Filipino people as it condoles with the bereaved families and loved ones of those who perished in said terrorist attack and denounces this reckless contempt of human life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, To express, as it hereby expresses, its sense to condemn in the strongest possible terms the bombing at the night market in Roxas Avenue, Davao City that claimed fifteen (15) innocent lives and wounded more than sixty (60) people on 2 September 2016.

Adopted,

AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 5, 2016.

LUTGARDO B. BARBO Secretary of the Senate