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Introduced by Senator Poe

RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING SAFER USE OF ROAD SHARING AMONG ALL ROAD USERS, CYCLISTS, PEDESTRIANS, AND DRIVERS ALIKE, WITH THE AIM OF ALLEVIATING THE TRAFFIC CRISIS AND DEVELOPING A SAFER PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NETWORK BASED ON PRINCIPLES AND BEST PRACTICES OF ROAD SHARING, ROAD SAFETY, AND INCLUSIVE MOBILITY.

WHEREAS, various news outlets reported that bicyclist Mark Vincent Garalde was fatally shot in an incident of road rage last July 25, 2016;

WHEREAS, the Manila Police District identified Vhon Martin Tanto last July 27, 2016 as the primary suspect in the fatal shooting of Mr. Garalde and was later arrested by the Philippine National Police;

WHEREAS, Mr. Garalde's senseless and needless death is only the most recent of the 196 cyclists who have been killed in Metro Manila roads in the past 10 years, with 26 bike riders were killed Metro Manila in 2015 alone;¹

WHEREAS, the death of Mr. Garalde should be an eye opener not only to road hazards faced by bicyclists but also to the near-monopoly of Metro Manila's roads by private, car-based modes of transport;

WHEREAS, alternative modes of transportation should be promoted with the aim of achieving "inclusive mobility", but only on the condition that all road sharing safety concerns are addressed at all times;

WHEREAS, the concept of road sharing is enshrined Section 9 of Executive Order No. 774, s. 2008, which reads: "The new paradigm in the movement of men and things must follow a simple principle: 'Those who have less in wheels must have more in road.' For this purpose, the system shall favor non-motorized locomotion and collective transportation system (walking, bicycling, and the man-powered mini-train)."

¹ Legaspi, A. "Truck runs over cyclist on Marikina bike lane" *GMA News* (January 06, 2016). Retrieved from <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/550238/news/metro/truck-runs-over-cyclist-on-marikina-bike-lane>

WHEREAS, driving negligence is a major factor involving cyclist collisions and accidents, as driver error is a frequently reported reason for a majority of reported accidents;

WHEREAS, while urgent action is needed to address the severity of the traffic crisis in Metro Manila and other urban areas through the promotion of alternative modes of transportation, equally important is the need to meet road safety concerns and requirements;

WHEREAS, to constitute workable solutions to the traffic crisis, any system of alternative transportation with road sharing aspects must be safe to all road users and comply with best practices in road safety strategies and guidelines;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to urge the Senate Committee on Public Services to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on promoting alternative modes of transportation, including safer use of road sharing among all road users, cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers alike, with the aim of alleviating the traffic crisis and developing a safer public transportation network based on principles and best practices of road sharing, road safety, and inclusive mobility.

Adopted,


GRACE POE