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House Resolution No. 731



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Introduced by Representatives ERIC GO YAP, PAOLO Z. DUTERTE, EDVIC G. YAP and JEFFREY SORIANO

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#### A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON CATALIST INTERNATIONAL MANPOWER SERVICES COMPANY, THE RECRUITER OF JUBELLE RANARA WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY KILLED AND BURNT IN KUWAIT BY HER EMPLOYER AND TO SCRUTINIZE THE RECRUITMENT AND DEPLOYMENT PROCESS OF OTHER OVERSEAS WORKERS' EMPLOYMENT AND PLACEMENT AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**WHEREAS**, illegal recruitment and maltreatment among overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) remain widespread despite several initiatives to improve and reform current processes. The Philippine Overseas Labor Offices accounts for nearly 5,000 cases of maltreatment or abuse among the OFWs in 2020 alone, a number which continue to rise even today notwithstanding other cases that are unreported.

**WHEREAS**, recently on January 21, 2023, Jullebee Ranara, a 35-year old domestic worker in Kuwait, was reported to be allegedly killed and burnt by her employer's 17-year-old son. Her remains being discovered in the desert in the Gulf state;

**WHEREAS**, following the condemnation by the Department of Migrant Workers' Secretary Susan Ople of this heinous crime, Secretary Ople also urged the Kuwaiti government to immediately resolve the case and bring Jullebee's perpetrators to justice;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Migrant Workers is conducting an investigation on the recruitment agency of Jullebee Ranara, the Catalist International Manpower Services Company, due to possible negligence which may lead to recruitment violation case/s and disciplinary action/s;

**WHEREAS**, the same Department also urges the Catalist to immediately contact the 55 Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) that it has deployed in Kuwait;

**WHEREAS**, as part of the duties and functions of the House of Representatives, it is extremely prudent to revisit and scrutinize existing laws and regulations pertaining to migration that will largely affect the welfare and safety of Filipino migrants and overseas workers;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to inspect, investigate, and evaluate various employment and placement agencies to ensure the regularity in their recruitment process, selection of potential employers, and the safety and security of their overseas Filipino recruits;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives of the Philippines direct the kind Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs and other appropriate House committees, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Catalist International Manpower Services Company, including other similar employment and placement agencies, to scrutinize their preexisting overseas recruitment processes in order to mitigate possible irregularities and illegalities in the said processes, protect our countrymen, and to prevent similar cases from happening in the future.

Adopted,



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