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CITY COUNCIL
Quezon City
15th City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 1963, S-2001

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 723 WHICH WAS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR LOREN LEGARDA - LEVISTE, ENTITLED "PROHIBITING THE PRESENTATION TO THE PRESS OR PUBLIC OF SUSPECTS IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION," BEFORE CASES ARE FORMALLY FILED AGAINST THE SUSPECTS.

Introduced by Councilor VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Wilma Amoranto-Sarino, Vincent P. Crisologo, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Bernadette Herrera-Dy, Aiko Melendez-Yllana, Ramon P. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Eric Z. Medina, Mary Ann L. Susano, Jorge L. Banal, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Franz S. Pumaren, Diorella Maria Sotto-De Leon, Dante M. De Guzman, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Antonio E. Inton, Jr., Ricardo R. Del Rosario, Restituto B. Malafigen and Xyrus L. Lanot.

WHEREAS, it has been the practice of the Philippine National Police (PNP) to present to the media and the public, suspects for the commission of crimes upon their apprehension or arrest, even before the complaint or information is filed against them;

WHEREAS, the presentation of said suspects to the public particularly through live television, causes irreparable damage to said suspects and adversely affects their families, relatives and friends from which it is impossible for them to recover even if later they are acquitted of the crime for which they are charged;

WHEREAS, even while they are considered innocent unless proven otherwise, the stigma of guilt immediately attaches to said suspect in the mind of many viewers, upon their presentation to media;

WHEREAS, it would appear unfair and unjust to allow said suspects to suffer such indignities and degradation and condone or acquiesce in such flagrant violation of their human rights to be respected in their person, by simply remaining silent and not lifting a finger in protest against such practice;

WHEREAS, there is a felt need to curtail the sensationalization of the apprehension of suspects in the commission of crimes, to avoid irreparable damage to their names and reputation, when they are later acquitted.

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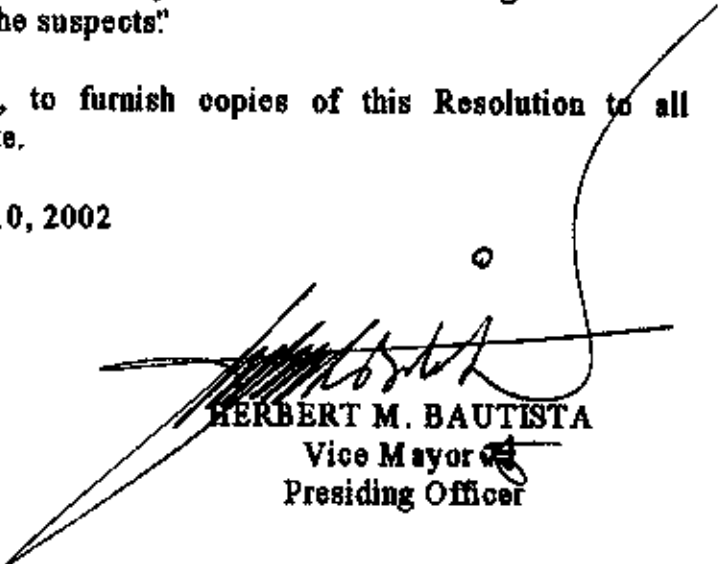
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NOW, THEREFORE,

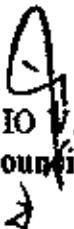
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to support, as it does hereby support, Senate Bill No. 723, introduced by Senator Loren Legarda - Leviste, entitled "Prohibiting the presentation to the press or public of suspects in criminal investigation before cases are formally filed against the suspects"

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Resolution to all Honorable Members of the Senate.

ADOPTED: December 10, 2002


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary
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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution which was APPROVED on Second Reading on December 10, 2002, was CONFIRMED by the City Council on December 17, 2002.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary
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