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Introduced by

Senator LOREN LEGARDA

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**RESOLUTION**  
**COMMENDING THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR**  
**THE OUTSTANDING, THOROUGH, AND SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF**  
**THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF THE SLAYING OF**  
**KRISTELLE "KAE" DAVANTES**

**WHEREAS**, the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) was created under Republic Act No. 157, otherwise known as "AN ACT CREATING A BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," with the mandate, among others, to "undertake investigation of crimes and other offenses against the laws of the Philippines, upon its own initiative and as public interest may require";

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative upon all our law enforcement officers and agents to undertake investigations of heinous and grave crimes with utmost diligence and haste in order to serve well the ends of justice;

**WHEREAS**, the NBI, in carrying out its mandate, endeavored to conduct its own investigation of the crime committed against Kristelle "Kae" Davantes upon instructions of the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Justice;

**WHEREAS**, on September 7, 2013, the body of Kristelle "Kae" Davantes was found lifeless in Silang, Cavite, with post-mortem examination revealing she had been gagged and stabbed five times, and the vehicle she was last seen driving was missing;

**WHEREAS**, on September 20, 2013, the NBI was able to apprehend the first suspect in the slaying and robbery, which suspect disclosed the circumstances of the commission of the crime as well as the names of his cohorts and their participation in the same;

**WHEREAS**, two more suspects were arrested by the Philippine National Police on September 21, 2013 based on information gathered from the extra-judicial testimony of the first suspect arrested by the NBI, while another suspect surrendered to Cavite Governor Johnvic Remulla, and a fifth suspect arrested by the PNP, a few days after;

**WHEREAS**, due to the swift and conscientious investigation conducted by the NBI, the first arrest was carried out, and vital information was collected which then led to the subsequent arrests of the other co-accused and the filing of formal criminal complaints against them on September 27, 2013;

*WHEREAS*, with one last suspect still to be apprehended, the investigation led by the NBI resulted in the filing of a case for qualified carnapping under Republic Act No. 6539 as amended by Section 20 of Republic Act No. 7659, otherwise known as the "Anti-Carnapping Act of 1972", a case for robbery committed by a band under Article 296 of the Revised Penal Code, and a case for obstruction of justice under Presidential Decree No. 1829, entitled "Penalizing Obstruction of Apprehension and Prosecution of Criminal Offenders" in relation to the crime of arson as defined under Presidential Decree No. 1613, entitled "Amending the Law on Arson";

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, as it hereby resolved by the Senate, to commend the investigators of the National Bureau of Investigation, namely DD VIRGILIO L. MENDEZ (Task Force Commander-Task Force KAE), ARD VICENTE A. DE GUZMAN III (Asst. Task Force Commander), and all NBI National Capital Region (NCR) and Laguna District Office (LUCDO) investigators for the outstanding, thorough, and speedy resolution of the criminal investigation of the slaying of Kristelle "Kae" Davantes.

Adopted,



**LOREN LEGARDA**  
Senator