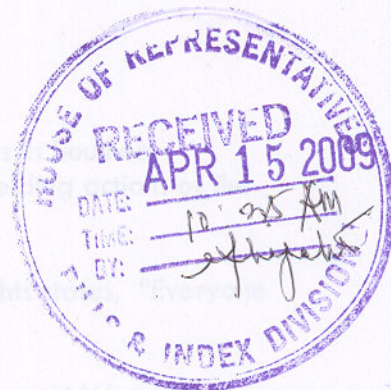


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Introduced by
Gabriela Women's Party Representatives
LIZA LARGOZA-MAZA and LUZVIMINDA ILAGAN

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION ON THE KILLING OF SABINA "SABENG" ARRIOLA, WHO SUCCEEDED AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE MAMAMAYAN NG STA. ROSA, LAGUNA PARA SA KAGALINGAN, KAUNLARAN AT KAPAYAPAAN (MSRK3), MELITA TRINIDAD CARVAJAL, ALSO A VICTIM OF EXTRA JUDICIAL KILLING, AND RECOMMEND MEASURES THAT WILL BRING TO JUSTICE THE PERPETRATORS OF THIS HEINOUS CRIME, ERADICATE THE THREAT OF SUMMARY EXECUTION THAT LOOMS UP BEFORE WOMEN WHO WILL TAKE ON THE LEADERSHIP ROLE OR BECOME MEMBERS OF MSRK3 AND OTHER SIMILAR GROUPS, AND UPHOLD AND GUARANTEE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN COMMUNITY LEADERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Whereas, on 23 March 2009, around 8:25 in the morning, at Baranggay Poooc, Santa Rosa, the Chairperson of Mamamayan ng Santa Rosa para sa Kagalingan, Kaunlaran at Kapayapaan (MSRK3), Sabina "Ka Sabeng" Ariola was shot while participating in women's parade headed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)- Santa Rosa;

Whereas, on that fateful day, Ka Sabeng 51 years old, a woman leader of the urban poor organization MSRK3 was to attend and lobby at the Santa Rosa Sangguniang Bayan annual budget session for 2009, an activity that MSKR3 regularly engage in every Monday;

Whereas, while onboard the Isuzu Elf with other members of the MSKR3, Ka Sabeng was approached by one unidentified man armed with a 0.45 caliber pistol and shot at Ka Sabeng's stomach that caused her death after twenty four hours;

Whereas, by-standers attempted to run after the unidentified perpetrator but the suspect was able to escape through the aid of an unidentified accomplice riding an unregistered motorcycle;

Whereas, the fatal shot that pierced the abdomen of Ka Sabeng and caused her death, also passed through the cheeks and currently lodged in the neck of Adelaida Calosa, 48 years old, another member of MSKR3 who was with Ka Sabeng. Calosa is still about to undergo an operation;

Whereas, barely five years ago - in August 2004, the then Chairperson of MSKR3 and Gabriela Women's Party Coordinator, Melita "Tita Mely" Trinidad Carvajal was also gunned down in Santa Rosa, Laguna by unidentified gunmen;

Whereas, in the Bulatlat issue of August 29 - September 4, 2009, it has been reported that organizers of MSKR3 including Ka Sabeng have been receiving death threats prior the death of Tita Mely Carvajal;

Whereas, these attacks on both urban poor organizations and women leaders in Southern Tagalog are apparently related to the efforts of the state to silence the unyielding actions of the masses against corruption, poverty and social injustice;

Whereas, Article 3 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, "Everyone has the rights to life, liberty and security of person";

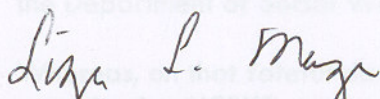
Whereas, Article 7 c) of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women provides that the State should ensure the participation of women in non-governmental organizations and associations concerned with the public and political life of the country;

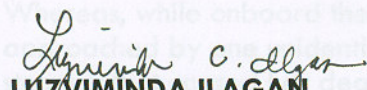
Whereas, Article 14 of the Philippine Constitution declares that the State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men;

Whereas, in the Section 1 of the Bill of Rights of the Philippine Constitution states that "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House Committee on Human Rights to conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the killing of Sabina "Sabeng" Ariola, who succeeded as chairperson of the Mamamayan ng Sta. Rosa, Laguna Para sa Kagalingan, Kaunlaran at Kapayapaan (MSRK3), Melita Trinidad Carvajal, also a victim of extra judicial killing, and recommend measures that will bring to justice the perpetrators of this heinous crime, eradicate the threat of summary execution that looms up before women who will take on the leadership role or become members of MSRK3 and other similar groups, and uphold and guarantee the human rights of women community leaders and human rights defenders

Adopted,


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