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## Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

## A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE HARASSMENT OF ALLEGED STATE AGENTS AGAINST PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONISTS

- Whereas, the Confederation for Unity, Recognition and Advancement of Government Employees (COURAGE) filed for a Writ of Amparo and Writ of Habeas Data in the Supreme Court last July 15, 2015
- Whereas, the petitions were filed along with members of SALINLAHI and the Children's Rehabilitation Center (CRC) to seek protection from the Supreme Court against members of the military and the police;
- Whereas, COURAGE is an umbrella organization of public sector unions in the Philippinel Salinlahi is a progressive and nationalist alliance promoting children's rights and child empowerment; and CRC is a non-government institution serving children and families who are victims of state violence;
- Whereas, the petitioners claim they have been subjected in varying degrees to threats and harassment from people who claimed to either be a policeman or a soldier;
- Whereas, Ms. Antonieta Setias-Dizon reported that she noticed a Toyota Innova, with plate number AAM 3129, stalking her on several occasions;
- Whereas, Ms. Dizon stated in her affidavit that she was met by some unidentified man who introduced himself as a soldier and threatened her on May 6 and June 1 at the height of the spate of harassment on COURAGE union leaders and staff;

Whereas, Ms. Dizon is COURAGE former Deputy Secretary General and current member of the organization's Council of Advisers;

Whereas, the same vehicle, with plate number AAM 3129, was reported to be stalking leaders of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan;

Whereas, Randy Vegas and Raul Camposano, who are both COURAGE organizers, suffered the same fate of being stalked, and was soon abducted and detained on trumped up charges;

Whereas, the Philippines claims that public sector unions are strong partners in effective governance and yet such harassment ensues;

Whereas, these cases of harassment and intimidation should stop and should not be left unpunished.

Be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to condemn in the strongest possible terms the harassment of alleged state agents against public sector unionists

Adopted,

RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.