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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

**A RESOLUTION
CALLING ON THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS
TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGED ESCALATION OF EXTRA JUDICIAL KILLINGS,
FORCED DISAPPEARANCES, ILLEGAL ARRESTS AND HARASSMENT COMMITTED
AGAINST LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF PROGRESSIVE PARTY-LISTS LIKE BAYAN MUNA,
ANAKPAWIS, GABRIELA AND THEIR ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS
ALLEGEDLY BY MILITARY GROUPS**

WHEREAS, in the last two months, there have been alleged extra-judicial killings, forced disappearance, illegal arrest and harassment committed against leaders, organizers and members of progressive Party List Bayan Muna, Anakpawis, Gabriela and their allied organizations in the provinces of Central Luzon, Northern Luzon, Southern Tagalog and Eastern Visayas;

WHEREAS, Bayan Muna Representative Satur Ocampo in his recent privilege speech alleged that in the first two weeks of March 2005 alone, five (5) Bayan Muna leaders and supporters were killed and one (1) was abducted, to wit: Councilor Abelardo Ladera in Tarlac and Danny Macapagal in Nueva Ecija on March 3; Romero Sanchez in Baguio City on March 9, Fr. William Tadena in Tarlac on March 13, and Atty. Felidido Dacut in Tacloban City on March 14;

WHEREAS, since April 15, 2001 to March 9, 2005, forty-eight (48) leaders and members of Bayan Muna were allegedly killed, while ten (10) others who had been abducted remained missing;

WHEREAS, these violent crimes were being carried out allegedly to suppress and eliminate progressive party-list groups that have succeeded in fielding representatives in the Congress;

WHEREAS, these incidents were allegedly being perpetrated by the Military on account of alleged witnesses and other circumstantial evidence;

WHEREAS, these allegations, if proven true, are considered gross violation of human rights;

WHEREAS, these allegations, if proven in falsity on the other hand, would be unfairly incriminating the Military;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Justice and Human Rights investigate the allegations of escalation of extrajudicial killings, forced disappearances, illegal arrest and harassment committed against leaders and members of militant groups, such as the Bayan Muna, Anakpawis, Gabriela and their allied organizations by military groups.


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