RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE AMBUSH ON FORMER PANGASINAN REPRESENTATIVE AMADO ESPINO JR. IN SAN CARLOS CITY, URGING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE TO IMMEDIATELY APPREHEND THE SUSPECTS, AND CALLING FOR A SPEEDY INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE SAME AND SIMILAR ATTACKS AGAINST GOVERNMENT LEADERS

WHEREAS, former Pangasinan Representative Amado Espino Jr. was ambushed in San Carlos City, Pangasinan at 4:30 PM on September 11, 2019;

WHEREAS, Rep. Espino was severely injured and was immediately placed at the Intensive Care Unit of a hospital in San Carlos City;

WHEREAS, one his bodyguards, Staff Sergeant Richard Esguerra, was killed in the said ambush and the others are still recovering;

WHEREAS, the assailants are still unidentified but reportedly left their getaway vehicle in Barangay Cubol in the same city, some 5 kilometers away from the crime scene;

WHEREAS, inside the reported getaway vehicle were two (2) M-16 rifles, a face mask, clothes, and a cap;

WHEREAS, such a murderous act has no place in this society, especially under the administration of President Duterte that has won the broad and deep popular support for its tough stance against crime;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to condemn in the strongest possible terms the ambush on former Pangasinan Representative Amado Espino Jr. in San Carlos City, urge the Philippine National Police to immediately apprehend the suspects, and call for a speedy investigation in aid of legislation into the same and similar attacks against government leaders.

Adopted,

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