

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. _____

Introduced by Honorable Representatives

ARLENE D. BROSAS (Gabriela Women's Party);

CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE, EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT and FERDINAND R. GAITE (Bayan Muna);
FRANCE L. CASTRO (ACT Teachers); and SARAH JANE I. ELAGO (Kabataan)

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE KILLING OF 23-YEAR-OLD KIM LESTER RAMOS IN MARIKINA CITY BY A POLICE OFFICER ON OCTOBER 5, 2019, AND RECOMMEND MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO DRUG-RELATED EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Bill of Rights under the 1987 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";

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2019, 23-year-old construction worker Kim Lester Ramos was in front of his friend's house in Mountain View Subdivision in Marikina City with another friend, 22-year-old Lauro Lagarde, when a police officer stopped by and accused them of using illegal drugs before speeding off;

WHEREAS, both Ramos and Lagarde were just playing basketball in the subdivision a few minutes before they were tagged by the police officer as drug addicts;

WHEREAS, Ramos and Lagarde caught up with the same police officer, who was later identified as Cpl. Herjonner Soller of Marikina Police Intelligence Unit, in the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Gil Fernando St. while riding their motorbikes to have supper at a nearby eatery;

WHEREAS, Lagarde confronted the cop and asked why he was accusing them of being drug addicts;

WHEREAS, the police officer pulled his gun and aimed at Lagarde, who was able to bump the gun before he was shot in the abdomen;

WHEREAS, Ramos ran away for help but was shot dead in the head by Soller. Lagarde meanwhile played dead as he held his breath;

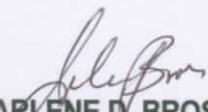
WHEREAS, Lagarde, who is confined at the Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center, disputed the police officer's claim that there was a scuffle as he clearly saw the police aim his gun at them;

WHEREAS, Marikina City Mayor Marcelino Teodoro has vowed to seek justice for the death of Ramos as he also coordinated with the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) for an independent probe regarding the incident;

WHEREAS, over 6,600 Filipinos, mostly from poor families, have been killed in police operations since the Duterte administration launched its campaign against illegal drugs, based on the conservative data by the Philippine National Police (PNP);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE KILLING OF 23-YEAR-OLD KIM LESTER RAMOS IN MARIKINA CITY BY A POLICE OFFICER LAST OCTOBER 5, 2019, AND RECOMMEND MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO DRUG-RELATED EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS.

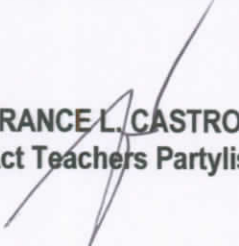
Adopted,


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