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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 555

Introduced by: DEPUTY SPEAKER HENRY S. OAMINAL, DEPUTY SPEAKER PROSPERO A. PICHAY, JR., REPRESENTATIVE RAUL V. DEL MAR, and REPRESENTATIVE SABINIANO S. CANAMA

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY AND COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WITH THE FORMER AS THE LEAD COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SENSELESS KILLING OF MAYOR DAVID NAVARRO OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARIN, MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL IN CEBU CITY WHILE UNDER POLICE CUSTODY TO DETERMINE THE CIRCUMSTANCES BEHIND THE KILLING AND THE POSSIBLE LAPSES IN THE HANDLING OF SECURITY PROTECTION BY THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), FILE APPROPRIATE CHARGES AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS OF THE DASTARDLY ACT, AND TO EXPRESS HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE HAPLESS VICTIM OF SUCH COWARDLY KILLING

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2019, Mayor David Navarro of the Municipality of Clarin, Misamis Occidental was brutally killed in broad daylight on a busy street in Cebu City;

WHEREAS, in the afternoon of October 24, 2019, the late Mayor Navarro, who was in Cebu City for the formulation of Clarin's Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA), was at the Mactan Cebu International Airport for his Philippine Airlines flight for Manila when he was prevented from boarding by an unidentified person who bore an Identification Card issued by the Mactan Cebu International Airport Authority (MCIAA);

WHEREAS, the Philippine Airlines (PAL) personnel prevented Mayor Navarro from boarding his flight despite him being issued by the airlines with a boarding pass upon the simple intervention of such unidentified person;

WHEREAS, immediately after he was prohibited from boarding his aircraft, Mayor Navarro was arrested by the Cebu City Police without the benefit of a warrant based on an alleged

complaint of a massage therapist for slight physical injuries allegedly committed in the evening of October 23, 2019;

WHEREAS, at about four o'clock in the afternoon of October 25, 2019 or a day after his arrest, Mayor Navarro was being transported to the City Prosecutor's Office in a police vehicle with police escorts when the ambush occurred;

WHEREAS, according to press reports, the suspects numbering around ten (10) gunmen armed with long firearms, who were already in place when the victim and his police escorts arrived, pulled Mayor Navarro out of the police vehicle then shot him dead;

WHEREAS, several experts in handling of security protection for persons under police custody, and for very important persons (VIPs) had expressed their views that serious lapses were committed by the police officers that put in serious cloud of doubt the security protection provided by law enforcement agencies;

WHEREAS, no less President Roa Duterte ordered the transfer of the probe from the Philippine National Police (PNP) to the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) "as he raised suspicions that cops may be involved in the killing of the town Mayor" and this situation calls to identify and implement remedial measures to prevent possible occurrence of similar incident: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To Direct the Committee on Public Order and Safety and Committee on Human Rights, with the former as the lead committee, to conduct a joint investigation, in aid of legislation, on the senseless killing of Mayor David Navarro of the Municipality of Clarin, Misamis Occidental in Cebu City while under police custody to determine the circumstances behind the killing and the possible lapses in the handling of security protection by the Philippine National Police (PNP), file appropriate charges against the perpetrators of the dastardly act, and to express heartfelt sympathy to the families of the hapless victim of such cowardly killing

Adopted.


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