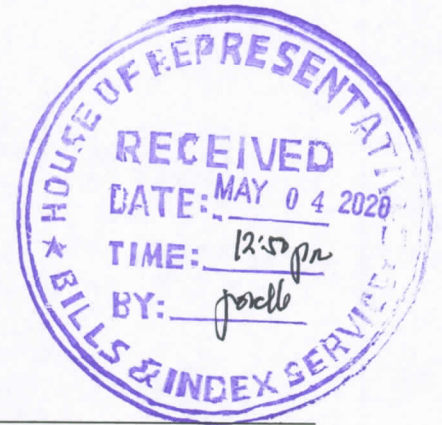


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Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 816



Introduced by

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GABRIELA Women's Party Representative ARLENE D. BROSAS,  
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RESOLUTION

**URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION ON THE KILLING OF PEASANT ADVOCATE MARLON  
MALDOS IN DE LA PAZ, CORTES, BOHOL**

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Marlon Maldos, 25-year-old activist and peasant advocate, was shot dead in broad daylight by alleged members of the 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Philippine Army, along the national highway of De la Paz, Cortes, Bohol;

**WHEREAS**, Maldos was a member of Bol-anong Artista nga may Diwang Dagohoy (Bansiwag), a cultural organization which is portraying the plight of farmers and advocating for genuine agrarian reform. The group has been subjected to a familiar series of red-tagging and harassment by the 47<sup>th</sup> IBPA. Last March 4, 2019, the group's artistic director Alvin Fortaliza, was arrested on false murder charges;

**WHEREAS**, a few weeks before the incident, Maldos reported that members of the 47<sup>th</sup> IBPA were red-tagging and harrasing him and his family;

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, Maldos also served as a project coordinator of civic organization Women's Development Center's livelihood project Integrated Coconut Development Processing Plant (ICDPP) in Maribojoc, Bohol. The ICDPP processed coconut, virgin coconut oil, and coconut sauce made from coconut water and vinegar of local farmers;

**WHEREAS**, under the Duterte administration, Maldos is the 2<sup>nd</sup> activist to be killed in Bohol and the 248<sup>th</sup> peasant victim of extra-judicial killing in the entire archipelago;

**WHEREAS**, harassment, arrests, and killings against activists, cultural workers, members of progressive organizations have been continuing even as the country faces the COVID-19 pandemic. These attacks have intensified since President Duterte issued Executive Order 70 which created the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC). The national task force has since unveiled itself as a tool to silence all forms of dissent from activists and people's organizations by falsely tagging its members as armed combatants of rebel groups. Despite the lifting of Martial Law in Mindanao, military encampments in communities and human rights violations still persist;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative for members of Congress, as representatives of our people, to defend the rights of our people and check on excesses and violations being committed against them. Laws

1 and rules should serve the interest of our people, and should not be weaponized to suppress their  
2 rights nor to oppress them;


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4 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the  
5 House of Representatives, through the Committee on Human Rights, conduct an investigation, in  
6 aid of legislation, on the killing of peasant advocate Marlon Maldos in De la Paz, Cortes, Bohol.

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