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RESOLUTION
URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE
ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDEMN AND INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, THE APRIL 30, 2020 KILLING OF BAYAN MUNA
COORDINATOR JOSE REYNALDO “JORY” PORQUIA IN ILOILO CITY

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, at around 5:00 AM, Jose Reynaldo “Jory” Porquia, Bayan Muna
Iloilo City coordinator was shot dead in his small coffee shop at the seaside barangay of Sto. Nino
Norte, Arevalo District, Iloilo City. Porquia, who was shot by four (4) masked armed men,
sustained 8 gunshot wounds, including a fatal one in the head;
WHEREAS, according to a witness account, the masked armed men entered the bamboo house where Porquia was staying and repeatedly shot the victim. The witness, who was ordered to kneel at gunpoint by the killers, was eventually left unharmed. Investigators recovered 9mm and .22 caliber shells from the crime scene;

WHEREAS, days before the killing, Jory had arguments with elements of the Philippine National Police Iloilo City for leading relief operations and an education campaign on COVID-19 among hungry residents of poor communities in Iloilo City. The initiative was welcomed by Iloilo City Mayor Jerry Treñas but the efforts, apparently did not sit well with the PNP. Police tried to prevent Porquia’s group from doing volunteer work, even under pandemic protocols. Misinformation was also spread among residents that the food aid given by Porquia’s group was contaminated with the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, Jory was a survivor of the Martial Law regime of the dictator Marcos, serving as a leader of the League of Filipino Students in Panay Island during that period. He then served as an OIC member of the National Youth Commission under the Cory Aquino administration. He then worked overseas in the Middle East and later in China. As an Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW), he was active in organizing and advocating Filipino migrants’ rights. When he returned to the Philippines, he served as an organizer for Migrante Panay. Porquia was one of the founders of Bayan Muna. He ran as councilor but lost in the 2010 elections under the line-up of them Mayor Jed Mabilog. In 2017-2018, Jory became the coordinator of the National Anti-poverty Commission (NAPC)-BFAR projects in Panay;

WHEREAS, Jory Porquia, even prior to the present pandemic, was already known in Iloilo City of initiating and leading relief and humanitarian missions, particularly in marginalized communities, in times of disasters, natural or man-made, like the devastating Typhoon Yolanda in November 2013;

WHEREAS, the killing with impunity of Jory Porquia is not justifiable, and, certainly not acceptable as it is a blatant assault, among others, on the humanitarian efforts and missions of groups that only want to help the gravely disadvantaged and marginalized poor cope with the crisis brought by the COVID-19 pandemic;

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 committed against them, especially in this time of crisis. Laws and rules should serve the interest of our people, and should not be weaponized to suppress their rights and oppress them;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives, through the Committee on Human Rights, to condemn and investigate, in aid of legislation, the April 30, 2020 killing of Bayan Muna Coordinator Jose Reynaldo “Jory” Porquia in Iloilo City.
Approved,

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