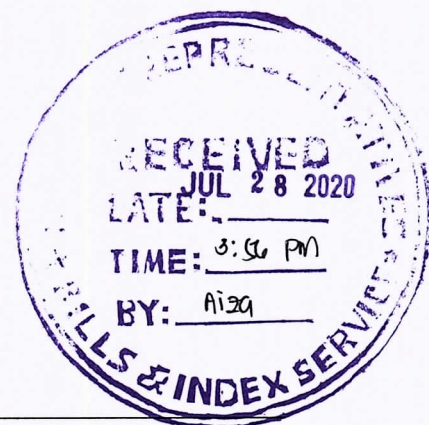


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6 HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 1089



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10 Introduced by
11 BAYAN MUNA Representatives EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT,
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15 RESOLUTION
16 URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE
17 ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE
18 KILLING OF PEASANT ORGANIZER JENNIFER TONAG IN CATARMAN,
19 NORTHERN SAMAR
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21 WHEREAS, On January 17, 2020, at around 5 PM, 35-year-old peasant organizer Jennifer
22 Tonag, resident of Brgy. Sumuroy, Lope de Vega, Northern Samar, was shot dead in the town of
23 Catarman, Northern Samar by unidentified gunmen. Tonag was shot twice, on the hand and
24 chest, after attending a seminar sponsored by the provincial office of the Department of Interior
25 and Local Government. She was brought to the Northern Samar Provincial Hospital where was
26 declared dead upon arrival;

27 WHEREAS, Tonag was an active member of Northern Samar Farmers Association (NSFA)
28 and was a peasant leader in her town, helping farmers in defending land rights and calling for
29 relief for victims of calamities. At the time of her killing, Tonag was the 35th victim of
30 extrajudicial killing under the implementation of Memorandum No. 32 in Eastern Visayas;

31 WHEREAS, it is imperative for members of Congress, as representatives of our people, to
32 defend the rights of our people and check on excesses and violations committed against them.
33 Laws and rules should serve the interest of our people and abuses against it should be held to
34 account. Congress is duty-bound to conduct investigations to be able to uphold justice and
35 protect the people against abuses.

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37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the
38 Committee on Human Rights to investigate, in aid of legislation, the killing of peasant organizer
39 Jennifer Tonag in Catarman, Northern Samar
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