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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1385  

Introduced by Representative FRANCISCO JOSE “BINGO” F. MATUGAS II

RESOLUTION  
CONDEMNING THE SENSELESS KILLING OF ATTY. JOEY LUIS WEE AND CALLING ON THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION ON THE SAID DEATH AND TO FILE THE APPROPRIATE CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE RESPONSIBLE PERSONS

WHEREAS, last Monday, November 23, 2020, I was shocked and saddened to hear the news that my friend, classmate and high school batchmate, Atty. Joey Luis Wee, was gunned down at around 1:30 p.m. as he was walking from his car to his office;

WHEREAS, while he was still alive when the ambulance reached him, my friend and classmate eventually died at the hospital;

WHEREAS, Atty. Wee was described as a good lawyer and in fact, at one point, worked for the Office of the Solicitor General;

WHEREAS, news reports stated that Atty. Wee was handling “controversial” and “high-profile” cases which, even if true, are not justifications for the gruesome murder as the lives of lawyers should not be threatened because of the type of cases they handle. They are, after all, only performing their part in the administration of justice;
WHEREAS, the case of Atty. Wei is not the first instance where a lawyer was ambushed as recently, another lawyer from Cebu was also fired at while inside his vehicle on the way to the office, and a judge from Manila was shot inside her chambers;

WHEREAS, the senseless death of Atty. Wei, and other lawyers, judges and prosecutors before him, is a great loss to the judicial system;

WHEREAS, authorities must ensure that systems are in place to protect the members of the Bench and Bar from meaningless deaths such as that of Atty. Wei;

RESOLVE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to condemn the senseless murder of Atty. Joey Luis Wei, and direct the Philippine National Police and the National Bureau of Investigation to conduct a thorough investigation on said death and to file the appropriate criminal complaints against the perpetrators.

Adopted,

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