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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93



Introduced by:

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A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED BY ELEMENTS OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND DETECTION GROUP (CIDG)-REGION VII IN CEBU CITY, ON SALUGPONGAN SCHOOL TEACHER AMELIA POND, WHICH INCLUDE ILLEGAL ARREST AND FILING OF TRUMPED UP CHARGES

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2016, Amelia Pond was arrested in Barangay Luz, Cebu City after attending the three day National Conference of the Rural Missionaries of the Philippines (RMP);

WHEREAS, Pond was arrested on the virtue of a warrant of arrest not under her name but for a certain Adelfa Toledo;

WHEREAS, the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) Region 7 persistently accuses Pond of being a top rank New People's Army official in Southern Mindanao, despite her denial;

WHEREAS, Amelia Pond is a teacher and a researcher for Salugpongan schools and the regional coordinator of RMP for Southern Mindanao, and she vehemently denies the allegations against her;

WHEREAS, the Salugpongan schools and the Lumad communities, whom Pond has closely worked with, have been displaced, and under threat and harassment; the military presence lingers and human rights violations remain;

WHEREAS, the Regional Trial Court Branch 17 of Cebu City Acting Presiding Judge Marivic Trabajo-Daray dismissed the petition for habeas corpus filed in behalf of Amelia Pond after being slapped with trumped up charges for two cases of murder and frustrated murder;

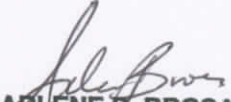
WHEREAS, Pond was held by the arm while being interrogated and was forced out of the taxi, while one of the CIDG agents approached Pond and slid 2 identification cards into her bag;

WHEREAS, the warrant issued was never read nor seen by Amelia Pond, accusing her direct participation in the murders of Barangay Ngan councilors Florencia Guay and Florencio Kapangangan in Compostela Valley;

WHEREAS, any arrest against a person whose name does not appear on the arrest warrant violates basic human rights;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the House Committee on Human Rights investigate, in aid of legislation, human rights violations allegedly perpetrated by elements of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG)-Region VII in Cebu City, on Salugpongan School teacher Amelia Pond, which include illegal arrest and filing of trumped up charges.

Adopted,


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