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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 205

Introduced by **REP. EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT, CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE and FERDINAND R. GAITE (Bayan Muna Partylist), REP. ARLENE D. BROSAS (Gabriela Women's Party), REP. FRANCE L. CASTRO (ACT Teachers' Partylist), and REP. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO (Kabataan Partylist)**

RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SHOOTING INCIDENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE BRANDON LEE IN LAGAWE, IFUGAO.

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2019, Brandon Lee, a 37-year old American human rights and indigenous peoples' rights advocate, was shot at around 6:00 PM in front of his residence in Lagawe, Ifugao. Lee, also a paralegal volunteer of both the Cordillera Human Rights Alliance (CHRA) and the Ifugao Peasant Movement (IPM), is still listed in critical condition at a local hospital in Baguio City. He also writes for the Baguio City-based media outfit Northern Dispatch;

WHEREAS, prior to the incident, Lee, a permanent resident married to a Filipina from Ifugao, has been consistently subjected to threats and harassment, including in social media, by alleged elements of the military and police. His residence and the offices he work with were also subjected to military surveillance. In fact, even after the incident, the hospital where he was taken was also subjected to the same intense surveillance;

WHEREAS, last July 29, a certain 1Lt Karol Jay R. Mendoza and LTC Narciso Nabulneg, Jr. of the army's 54th IB also went to the IPM office after they sent letters seeking partnership with the peasant organization. They were insisting to get information about IPM activities and even names of members in communities;

WHEREAS, the military has identified Ifugao as a priority area in the Cordillera region during the launch of the AFP and Philippine National Police's joint task force as part of the counterinsurgency program Oplan Kapanatagan;

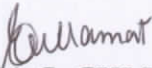
WHEREAS, in 2015, because of his advocacies, Lee was among those red-tagged as a supporter of the New People's Army (NPA) and the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) by the military;

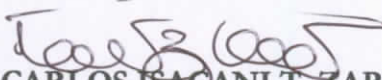
WHEREAS, it can be recalled, two (2) IPM leaders were also previously killed by suspected state security forces in the Cordillera. William Bugatti was shot dead in 2014 while Ricardo Mayumi was killed in 2018. Prior to their assassinations, the two (2) leaders were also vilified and red-tagged by the military and the police;


WHEREAS, the recent incidents are in line with the implementation of the Executive Order 70 signed by President Duterte in 2018 "Institutionalizing the Whole of Nation Approach in Attaining Inclusive and Sustainable Peace, Creating a National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF ELCAC) and Directing the Adoption of a National Peace Framework" under Oplan Kapayapaan and Oplan Kapanatagan which has let loose in the Cordillera region the 54th IBPA, 5th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army and Northern Luzon Command.

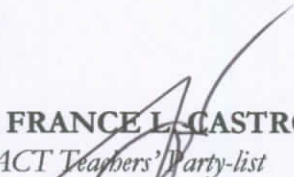
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives, through the Committee on Human Rights, to investigate, in aid of legislation, on the shooting incident of Human Rights Worker Brandon Lee in Lagawe, Ifugao.

Adopted,


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