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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1788



Introduced by Honorable Representatives

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FRANCE L. CASTRO (ACT Teachers); and SARAH JANE I. ELAGO (Kabataan)

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONGEST CONDEMNATION OF THE BRUTAL KILLINGS OF
TRANS PERSONS EBENG MAYOR AND JUNJIE BANGKIAO**

WHEREAS, it is declared in Article 2, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution that “the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights”;

WHEREAS, the State is a glaring signatory to international agreements on the respect for human rights of all persons regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression (SOGIE), and sex characteristics – such as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (particularly the General Recommendation No. 28), International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is no stranger to notorious cases of hate crimes, sexual violence, and abuse against the LGBTQIA+ community, particularly to our trans brothers and trans sisters;

WHEREAS, these notorious hate crimes include the illegal detainment of Gretchen Diez for exercising her right to public spaces in Quezon City, the profiling of transgenders in Makati City, the targeted harassment of LGBTQIA+ quarantine violators in Pampanga City and trans women quarantine violators in Zamboanga City, the neck cutting and slashing of the right eye of Jessa Remiendo in Pangasinan, the ruthless stabbing and dismembering of Kathlyn Aviles in Bacolod City, and the gruesome murder of Jennifer Laude by US Marine Joseph Scott Pemberton in Olongapo City;

WHEREAS, the violence against the trans community worldwide continues to rise at an alarming rate. According to the Human Rights Campaign based in the US, at just the last year of 2020, forty-four (44) trans lives were violently taken, a record for a single calendar year. As of date, 2021 is proving even more deadly with 26 violent deaths so far this year in less than five months;

WHEREAS, on May 21, just four (4) days after the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), two separated cases of rape-slay of non-binary trans person Ebeng Mayor and transwoman Junjie Bangkiao was reported;

WHEREAS, three (3) days after going missing in Batasan Hills, Quezon City, Ebeng Mayor was found dead, bloodied, bruised, beheaded, and with legs sprawled as a wooden stick impaled into their genitals;

WHEREAS, in a cemetery in one barangay in Alangalang, Leyte, Junjie Bangkiao was found dead, naked, and with a bloodied head;

WHEREAS, these brutal killings are not just a loss of life, as these are heinous acts fueled by hate – clear manifestations that the LGBTQIA+ community is still not safe in the country;


WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ community has been the target of senseless and atrocious attacks for a long time, and this will go on as long as perpetrators are not held accountable, as long as the culture of impunity exists;

WHEREAS, as the Commission on Human Rights Gender Ombud stated “the long-held stigma and discrimination against them in our culture deny transgender people the opportunity to live freely, to enjoy equal protection under the law, and to be recognized as full members of our society”;

WHEREAS, the State must exert efforts to address all forms of aggression, discrimination, and marginalization on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives express the strongest condemnation of the brutal killings of trans persons Ebeng Mayor and Junjie Bangkiao. We are one with the clamor for justice. Our trans siblings must live each day without fearing for their lives.

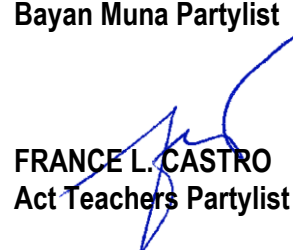
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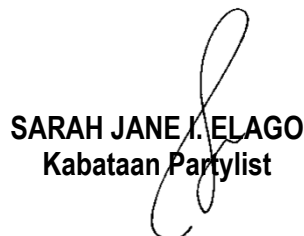

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