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2 Republic of the Philippines
3 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
4 Quezon City

5 **EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**
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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 1934**
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10 **Introduced by**

11 **BAYAN MUNA Representatives EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT,**
12 **CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE and FERDINAND R. GAITE,**
13 **GABRIELA Women's Party Representative ARLENE D. BROSAS,**
14 **ACT TEACHERS Party-List Representative FRANCE L. CASTRO,**
15 **and KABATAAN Party-List Representative SARAH JANE I. ELAGO**

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17 **RESOLUTION**

18 **URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE COMMITTEE**
19 **ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE**
20 **ARREST OF KATIPUNAN NG MGA SAMAHANG MAGBUBUKID SA TIMOG**
21 **KATAGALUGAN (KASAMA-TK) PEASANT ORGANIZERS DANA MARIE**
22 **MARCELLANA AND CHRISTIAN RELAO IN SAN PABLO, LAGUNA**
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25 **WHEREAS**, on June 25, 2021, human rights watchdog Karapatan -Timog Katagalugan reported
26 that at around 1 AM of the same day, suspected elements of Philippine National Police (PNP)
27 Regional Mobile Force Battalion – Region 4A, San Pablo Police, and military forces arrested
28 peasant organizers Dana Marie Marcellana and Christian Relao inside their residence in San Diego,
29 San Pablo, Laguna. No search warrant or arrest warrant was presented during the arrest according
30 to the report. The two were taken to the San Pablo Bureau of Jail Management and Penology
31 (BJMP) and were reportedly charged with rebellion, illegal possession of firearms, kidnapping, and
32 murder;
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34 **WHEREAS**, Marcellana and Relao are provincial organizers of Katipunan ng mga Samahang
35 Magbubukid sa Timog Katagalugan (KASAMA-TK) in Quezon and Laguna. Marcellana is also
36 the eldest daughter of KASAMA-TK peasant organizer Orly Marcellana and the late activist and
37 human rights worker Eden Marcellana, who was abducted and brutally murdered on April 23,
38 2003, in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro under the Arroyo administration;
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40 **WHEREAS**, KASAMA-TK is a progressive organization of farmers in the Southern Tagalog
41 Region. It is active in campaigning for farmers rights and genuine agrarian reform;
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43 **WHEREAS**, rights groups have condemned the pattern of arrests against peasant organizers and
44 activists over fabricated charges. Marcellana is the 64th among peasant women victims of illegal
45 arrests and detention under the Duterte administration according to the Amihan National
46 Federation of Peasant Women. There are currently 81 peasant women political prisoners in the
47 country. According to rights watchdog Karapatan, there are at least 609 political prisoners
48 nationwide as of March 2020;
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50 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative for members of Congress, as representatives of our people, to defend
51 the rights of our people and check on excesses and violations, especially in this time of crisis. It

1 must bring perpetrators to account to put a stop to the killings and rights violations against its
2 people. Laws and rules should serve the interest of our people, and should not be weaponized to
3 suppress their rights and oppress them;

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5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the
6 House of Representatives, through the Committee on Human Rights, conduct an investigation, in
7 aid of legislation, arrest of Katipunan ng mga Samahang Magbubukid sa Timog Katagalugan
8 (KASAMA-TK) peasant organizers Dana Marie Marcellana and Christian Relao in San Pablo,
9 Laguna.

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