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8 HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 2033
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10 Introduced by

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12 CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE and FERDINAND R. GAITE,
13 Albay, 1st District Representative EDCEL C. LAGMAN
14 GABRIELA Women’s Party Representative ARLENE D. BROSAS,
15 ACT TEACHERS Party-List Representative FRANCE L. CASTRO,
16 and KABATAAN Party-List Representative SARAH JANE I. ELAGO

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18 RESOLUTION

19 URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE COMMITTEE
20 ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO ISSUE CONDEMNATION AND CONDUCT AN
21 INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE KILLING OF ACTIVISTS
22 JEMAR PALERO AND MARLON NAPERI BY POLICE OFFICERS IN
23 GUINOBATAN, ALBAY
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26 **WHEREAS**, on July 27, 2021, at around 1 AM, two (2) activists were reportedly shot dead by
27 state armed forces after being seen spray-painting protest calls at Banao Bridge along Maharlika
28 Highway in Guinobatan, Albay. They were identified as Jemar Palero, 22 years old from
29 Organisasyon ng mga Magsasaka sa Albay, and Marlon Naperi, 38 years old, from human rights
30 group Albay People’s Organization (APO), an affiliate of rights group Karapatan - Bicol. The
31 activists were spray-painting the unfinished protest art stating "DUTERTE IBAGS", presumably
32 painting the call “DUTERTE IBAGSAK” which was left unfinished;
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34 **WHEREAS**, according to police officers, Palero and Naperi allegedly fought forcing them to
35 shoot at the activists. However, rights groups condemned the killing and belied the police’s
36 “nanlaban” narrative stating that the unarmed civilians were only carrying spray paint and did not
37 have any firearms;
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39 **WHEREAS**, the “nanlaban” narrative has been repeatedly used by police to justify the killings
40 under Oplan Tokhang, the campaign against illegal drugs led by the Philippine National Police.
41 The campaign has been heavily criticized for resulting in at least 8,000 killings according to
42 government records. Human rights groups however estimate at least 30,000 killings as a result of
43 the notorious war on drugs. In June 2020, the United Nations issued a report stating that a pattern
44 in reports suggested that police officers planted evidence in drug war operations citing repeated
45 recovery of guns bearing the same serial numbers from different victims in different locations;
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47 **WHEREAS**, activists Jemar Palero and Marlon Naperi were gunned down just hours before
48 President Rodrigo Duterte’s State of the Nation Address (SONA) 2021. In his speech, the
49 President repeated his “shoot them dead” remark against alleged communists. These remarks
50 which the President has repeatedly stated against quarantine violators, against activists, and human

1 rights advocates, have been called out by rights groups and even the Commission on Human
2 Rights for inciting violence and encouraging killings against activists and unarmed civilians;


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4 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative for members of Congress, as representatives of our people, to defend
5 the rights of our people and check on excesses and violations, especially in this time of crisis. It
6 must bring perpetrators to account to put a stop to the killings and rights violations against its
7 people. Laws and rules should serve the interest of our people, and should not be weaponized to
8 suppress their rights and oppress them;


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10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the
11 House of Representatives, through the Committee on Human Rights, issue condemnation and
12 conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the killing of activists Jemar Palero And Marlon
13 Naperi by police officers in Guinobatan, Albay.

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