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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. _____

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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY, THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, AND THE VISAYAS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SPATE OF KILLINGS IN THE ISLAND OF NEGROS AND TO URGE ALL CONCERNED AUTHORITIES TO WORK TOWARDS THE IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIMS

WHEREAS, successive shooting incidents and ambushes by assailants still at-large have wreaked havoc in the province of Negros Oriental. It has been reported that the slays began on July 18, 2019 in the town of Ayungon when four police officers were allegedly killed by members of the New People's Army's Mt. Cansermon Command. President Rodrigo Duterte has offered a three-million-peso reward for the head of the NPA leader responsible for their torture and execution.

WHEREAS, the latest killings bring the number of fatalities in Negros Oriental to twenty (20) since July 18. Most of the victims were under the suspicion

of supporting the NPA. The death toll was a result of separate attacks from a riding-in-tandem and from shootings by armed men who forced their way into the homes of their victims.

WHEREAS, lawyer Anthony Trinidad who has been red-tagged by an anti-communist vigilante group was ambushed in broad daylight in Guihulngan City on July 23. The slain public interest lawyer was shot dead and his wife injured when they were ambushed by riding-in-tandem gunmen. The same gunmen were linked to the killing of Romeo Alipan and Arthur and Ardale Bayawa, also residents of Guihulngan City.

WHEREAS, on July 27, Canlaon City councilor and businessman Bobby Jalandoni was gunned down by unidentified men who forcibly entered his house. Minutes later, Ernesto Posadas, a 71-year-old village chief of Panubigan in Canlaon City, was also shot dead in his home. In their statement about the incident, the police cited the spray-painted pro-NPA messages in the houses of the victims. The Communist Party of the Philippines, however, vehemently denied their involvement in the killings and pinned the blame on the military, police, and the paramilitary.

WHEREAS, only a few hours after the death of Jalandoni and Posadas, former Ayungon Mayor Edsel Enardecido and his cousin, Leo Enardecido were killed inside their house in Barangay Tampocon by unidentified gunmen.

WHEREAS, the attacks and indiscriminate killings have gravely affected the peace and order in the Island of Negros and have left the residents in constant fear for their lives.

WHEREAS, the alarming death toll in a short period emphasizes the urgency to conduct a deeper and more thorough investigation into the killings.

WHEREAS, the series of attacks threaten to undermine the country's peace and order situation, the State's failure to identify and punish the perpetrators further breeds a culture of impunity and violence.

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the members of Congress to heed the demands of the people for a just and lasting peace based on the rule of law. The Congress, therefore, should also immediately demand accountability on the part of the law enforcement authorities who are involved in the killings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Order and Safety, the Committee on Justice, and the Visayas Development Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the recent spate of killings in Negros Oriental and to compel all the concerned authorities to put an end to the attacks and to bring the perpetrators to justice.

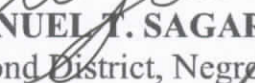
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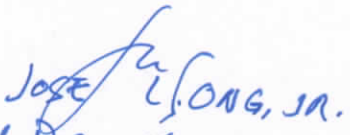
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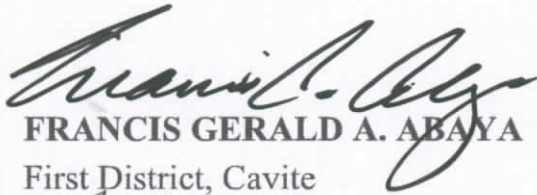


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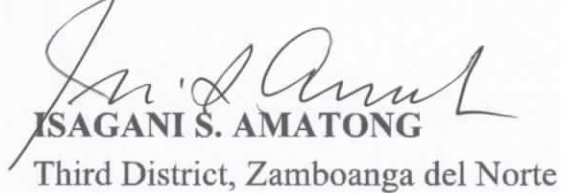


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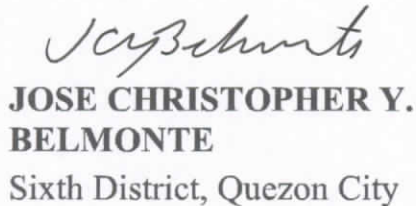
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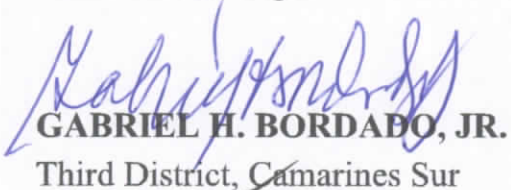
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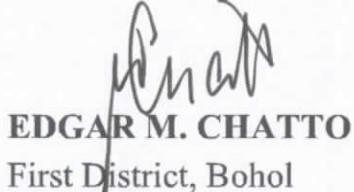
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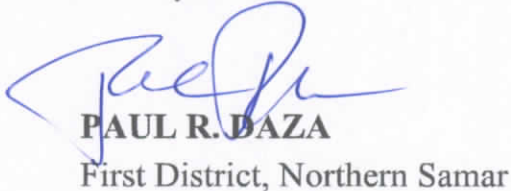
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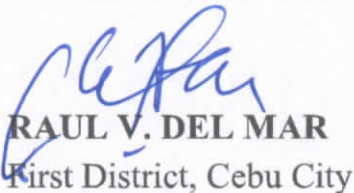
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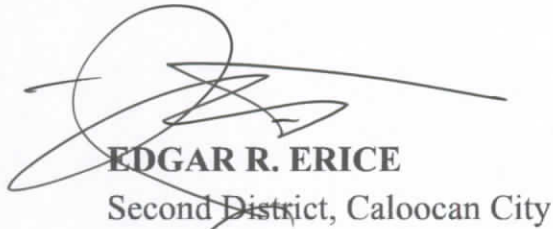
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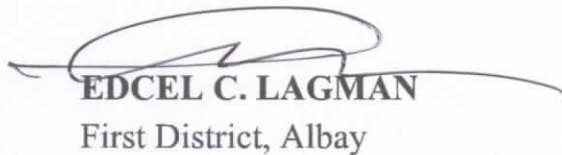
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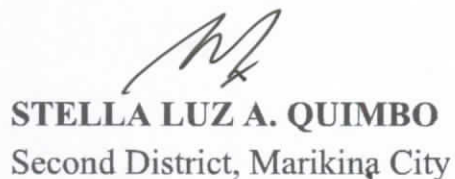


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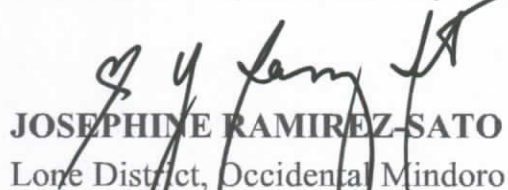


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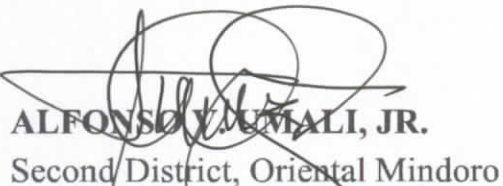
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