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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94

Introduced by

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(Bayan Muna Partylist); REP. FRANCE L. CASTRO (ACT Teachers Partylist);
and REP. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO (Kabataan Partylist)

**RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO
INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION ALLEGEDLY
PERPETRATED BY ELEMENTS OF THE CIDG, AND ISAFP, ON LILIA BUCATCAT,
WHICH INCLUDE ILLEGAL ARREST AND FILING OF TRUMPED UP CHARGES**

WHEREAS, on the 9th of March year 2017, Lilia Bucatcat, was arrested while on her way to the Marikina River park to walk her dog;

WHEREAS, Bucatcat said two of her captors were wearing uniforms of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group-Philippine National Police (CIDG-PNP), while she suspected that the two others were from the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP);

WHEREAS, no warrant of arrest was shown to her when she was arrested and she was neither apprised of her constitutional rights nor informed of the reasons for being taken into custody;

WHEREAS, her captors prohibited her from informing her family of her arrest, then she was brought to the Office of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group - National Capital Region (CIDG-NCR) in Camp Crame, Quezon City;

WHEREAS, the arrest warrant specified that she was being charged with arson;

WHEREAS, it was only on the following day, 10th of March, that Bucatcat had access to her relatives, KARAPATAN paralegals, and counsels from the National Union of Peoples' Lawyers (NUPL), when they found her at the CIDG-NCR office, after a whole day search in different institutions;

WHEREAS, subsequent CIDG press release identified her as "Secretary of South Samar 2, Sub-Regional Command Sesame, Eastern Visayas Regional Party Committee of the New People's Army";

WHEREAS, Bucatcat is a 70-year old former peasant organizer in Samar;

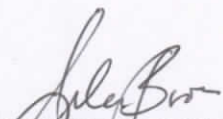
WHEREAS, Bucatcat is suffering from hypertension, and she has a benign cyst in the throat, sciatica (body pains affecting lower back and both legs), and other related illnesses due to her advanced age;

WHEREAS, Bucatcat was illegally apprehended because no warrant was shown her by the accosting officers during the time of her arrest;

WHEREAS, Bucatcat adds to the list of aged and ailing political prisoners. To date, there are 130 ailing political prisoners who deserve to be released immediately on humanitarian grounds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House Committee on Human Rights investigate, in aid of legislation, human rights violation allegedly perpetrated by elements of Criminal Investigation and Detection Group-Philippine National Police (CIDG-PNP), and Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP), on Lilia Bucatcat, which include illegal arrest and filing of trumped up charges.

Adopted,


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