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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 285

Introduced by
REP. ARLENE D. BROSAS (Gabriela Women's Party),
REP. CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE, REP. FERDINAND R. GAITE, and REP. EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT
(Bayan Muna Partylist); REP. FRANCE L. CASTRO (ACT Teachers' Partylist);
and REP. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO (Kabataan Partylist)

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10592, OPPOSING
MOVES TO RELEASE PRISONERS CONVICTED OF HEINOUS CRIMES INCLUDING FORMER
CALAUAN, LAGUNA MAYOR ANTONIO SANCHEZ**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 1995, the Pasig City Regional Trial Court convicted former Calauan, Laguna Mayor Antonio Sanchez et al for the rape-slay of Eileen Sarmenta and the killing of her companion Allan Gomez, both UPLB students;

WHEREAS, in August 1999, Sanchez was again convicted for the double murder of his political opponent Nelson Peñalosa, and his son Rickson;

WHEREAS, in May 2013, Republic Act No. 10592 or the Good Conduct Time Allowance law was enacted. The law, retroactive in nature, allows the reduction of sentence of a convicted felon if s/he exhibits or performs acts tantamount to good conduct;


WHEREAS, there was public outrage upon reports that Sanchez was qualified for release under RA 10592 despite the fact that he had been caught constantly committing prohibited acts while in prison such as possession of illegal drugs in 2006 and 2010 and other violation of prison rules;

WHEREAS, according to news reports, the family of Sanchez claims that they have been informed about the impending release of the former mayor by virtue of a document signed by Bureau of Corrections Director General Nicanor Faeldon. They were supposed to fetch him on August 20, 2019 at the New Bilibid Prisons;

WHEREAS, Section 29 of Republic Act No. 10592 provides that recidivists, habitual delinquents, escapees, and persons charged with heinous crimes are not entitled to the provisions of the aforesaid law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Justice conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of Republic Act No. 10592 and oppose moves to release prisoners convicted of heinous crimes including Calauan, Laguna former Mayor Antonio Sanchez.


Adopted,




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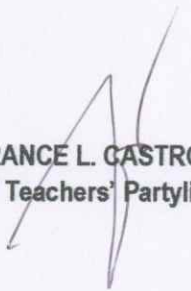
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