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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 815



Introduced by

BAYAN MUNA Representatives EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT,  
CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE and FERDINAND R. GAITE,  
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ACT TEACHERS Party-List Representative FRANCE L. CASTRO,  
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RESOLUTION

URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION ON THE ARREST OF LUMAD LEADER AND NATIONAL ANTI-  
POVERTY COMMISSION (NAPC) INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S SECTOR COUNCIL  
MEMBER GLORIA CAMPOS TUMALON

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, joint forces of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP) arrested Gloria Campos Tumalon, National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) Indigenous Peoples Sector Council Member, on the trumped-up charge of Kidnapping and Serious Illegal Detention in Brgy. Diatagon, Lianga, Surigao del Sur;

**WHEREAS**, state forces went to the home of Tumalon at around 11:20 AM and "invited" her to the police station. She was placed on arrest upon arrival at the Lianga Municipal Police Station where she is currently detained;

**WHEREAS**, Tumalon was arrested by virtue of a warrant of arrest under the trumped-up charge of Kidnapping and Serious Illegal Detention. The case refers to an NPA offensive on December 19, 2018. It was filed against 468 individuals, 78 of which are known civilians – leaders and members of progressive and legitimate people's organizations, government employees, members of the religious community, journalists and humanitarian workers – including Gloria Tumalon;

**WHEREAS**, after the arrest, the PNP falsely presented Tumalon as a leader of the communist New People's Army (NPA) and identified her as a leader of Malahutayong Pakigbisog Alang sa Sumusunod (MAPASU);

**WHEREAS**, contrary to the false claims of the PNP, Tumalon is not a leader of the communist New People's Army but in fact a known legitimate tribal leader who is presently serving as a council member for the Indigenous People's Sector of NAPC. She has been occupying such office since 2011. She is the leader and founder of the organization *Kahugpungan sa Tribung Manobo ug Mamannwa nga Nag-ugmad sa Maayung Ugma* (KATRIBUMMU), which has partnered with government agencies like DENR, DILG, NAPC, DA, and the Local Government of Lianga. KATRIBUMMU is registered with the Department of Labor and Employment, the Municipal Government of Lianga, and with the Bureau of Internal Revenue;

**WHEREAS**, prior to her arrest, Tumalon, together with leaders and members of Lumad

1 organization MAPASU, were subjected to a series of red-tagging and harassments by the AFP.  
2 Major Gen. Antonio Parlade, spokesperson of the National Task Force to End Local  
3 Communist Insurgency (NTF-ELCAC), issued statements vilifying and red-tagging MAPASU,  
4 its leader and members, and Gloria Tumalon. Parlade also tagged KATRIBUMMU as an  
5 organization with "communistic principles" despite its record of partnership with government  
6 agencies;

7 **WHEREAS**, the criminal case filed against Tumalon and members and leaders of MAPASU is  
8 clearly a judicial harassment against the Lumad of Lianga, Surigao del Sur to undermine their  
9 assertions of their right to self-determination and defense of ancestral lands. Attacks against  
10 activists, members of people's organizations and human rights defenders have intensified since  
11 President Duterte issued Executive Order 70 which created the National Task Force to End  
12 Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC). The national task force has since unveiled  
13 itself as a tool to silence all forms of dissent from activists and people's organizations by falsely  
14 tagging its members as armed combatants of rebel groups. Despite the lifting of Martial Law in  
15 Mindanao, military encampments in communities and human rights violations still persist;

16 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative for members of Congress, as representatives of our people, to  
17 defend the rights of our people and check on excesses and violations being committed against  
18 them. Laws and rules should serve the interest of our people, and should not be weaponized to  
19 suppress their rights nor to oppress them;


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21 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the  
22 House of Representatives, through the Committee on Human Rights, conduct an investigation,  
23 in aid of legislation, on the arrest of Lumad leader and National Anti-Poverty Commission  
24 (NAPC) indigenous people's sector council member Gloria Campos Tumalon.

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