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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 675



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**Introduced by Rep. Dale "Along" R. Malapitan**

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**RESOLUTION**

**STRONGLY CONDEMNING AND CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CONTINUED AND UNABATED VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF PANGARAP VILLAGE, LOCATED IN BARANGAYS 181 AND 182, CALOOCAN CITY, ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED BY THE CARMEL DEVELOPMENT INC. (CDI) AND THEIR SECURITY COHORTS.**

**WHEREAS**, for more than a decade now, Pangarap Village, located in Barangays 181 and 182 in the City of Caloocan, has been the hotbed of dissension, and the focal point of violence and harassment fueled by an on-going proprietary controversy between the residents thereof and a company which lay claim over this large tract of land;

**WHEREAS**, the 156 hectare Pangarap Village was established by then President Ferdinand E. Marcos as homesite for government employees working in Malacañang as well as for poor urban dwellers in consonance with the government program of "land for the landless." It was part of the 808 hectare Tala Estate which was reserved for leprosarium in 1938 pursuant to Commonwealth Act No. 161;

**WHEREAS**, in 1971, after finding that only one-fifth of the Tala Estate was utilized following the old concept of custodial care for hansenites, Pres. Marcos issued Proclamation No. 843 and declared that 598 hectares of the 808 hectare Tala Estate be used for housing, resettlement sites and other uses necessary and related to an integrated social and economic development of the entire estate and its environs under the administration of the People's Homesite and Housing Corporation (PHHC). This was followed by the issuance of P.D. No. 293 in 1973 which nullifies and cancels the land titles of Carmel Farm (Development), Inc. and declared the lots in issue open for disposition and sale;

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, however, the Supreme Court, in the case of Tuason vs Register of Deeds of Caloocan City, declared that P.D. No. 293 to be unconstitutional and void ab initio in all its parts. According to the

Supreme Court, said decree was struck down because it was done by an officer in the performance of what in essence is a judicial function or exercise of jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, said decision of the Supreme Court in the case Tuason versus Register of Deeds of Caloocan City is not a determination of the true ownership over Pangarap Village but simply a disposition of the constitutionality of P.D. 293. Yet, it was the same decision used by the Carmel Development Inc. (CDI) in filing of ejectment cases against bona fide residents of Pangarap Village;

**WHEREAS**, said 1988 decision of the Supreme Court signaled the start of the struggle of the people of Pangarap Village in their fight for their proprietary right which was often met allegedly by the CDI and their security personnel with violence, intimidation, and abuses, including acts which relegated them to sub-human condition;

**WHEREAS**, the first reported case of killing committed by an armed guard of CDI had happened as early as 2011 during the exercise of the right of the people of Pangarap Village to peaceably assemble, wherein at least two persons lost their lives and scores of people seriously injured including a minor who was shot in the jaw;

**WHEREAS**, other reported cases of violence, maltreatment, oppression and abuses include arson, coercion, verbal and written threats against residents and barangay officials, force eviction of people, demolition of dwellings, road blockage, curtailment of basic services such as electricity and water supplies, preventing public utilities from effecting repair and maintenance in the area, wanton display of fire power to elicit fear and trepidation, deliberate filling of creeks with earth and solid materials to cause inundation in the area;

**WHEREAS**, the sufferings of, and oppression committed against, the people of Pangarap Village should no longer go unnoticed, and that necessary and appropriate interventions from the government must be employed or provided in order to protect them against all forms of harm and abuses, and from any and all acts that tend to violate their given rights as citizens or as human beings;

**WHEREAS**, deeply enshrined in our Constitution is the duty of Congress to give highest priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of all the people to human dignity, reduce social, economic and political inequalities, and reduce cultural inequities in pursuance of the State principle that recognizes the paramount importance of the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property, and the promotion of the general welfare as essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives strongly condemn the continued and unabated violation of the rights of the people of Pangarap Village located in Barangays 181 and 182 in the City of Caloocan, allegedly perpetrated by the Carmel Development Inc. (CDI) and their security cohorts;

**RESOLVE FINALLY**, that the appropriate committee/s conduct an immediate investigation or inquiry, in aid of legislation, into these alleged unlawful acts so that remedial measures may be made in order to deliver the people of Pangarap Village from miseries, abuses and injustices.

*Adopted.*

  
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