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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1259

Submitted by the Committee on Women & Gender Equality on FEB 08 2019
Re: House Bill No. 9102
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5453
Sponsors: Representatives Bernadette Herrera-Dy and Carlos Isagani M. Zarate

Madam Speaker:

The Committee on Women and Gender Equality to which was referred House Bill No. 5453, introduced by Representative Carlos Isagani M. Zarate, entitled:

AN ACT

MANDATING THE OBSERVANCE OF 29 NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS WOMEN
HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS DAY

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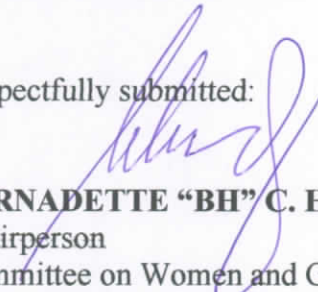
has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. _____, entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5453 with Representatives Carlos Isagani M. Zarate, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Bernadette "BH" C. Herrera-Dy, Emmi A. de Jesus, Tomasito S. Villarin, Rosanna "Ria" V. Vergara, Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, Micaela S. Violago, Arlene D. Brosas, Rodel M. Batocabe and Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:


BERNADETTE "BH" C. HERRERA-DY
Chairperson
Committee on Women and Gender Equality

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AN ACT
MANDATING THE OBSERVANCE OF 29 NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS
WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS DAY

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "*Women Human Rights Defenders*
2 *Day Act*".

3 **SEC. 2.** The State shall ensure that the perpetrators of extrajudicial killings,
4 enforced disappearances, vilifications, harassments, torture and other forms of human
5 rights violations shall be punished so that justice shall be served to the victims and
6 their families.

7 The State shall intensify efforts to respect and protect human rights, especially
8 women's rights in the country. The State recognizes the importance of the participation
9 of all sectors concerned and shall ensure the prevention of further human rights
10 violations. Towards this end, the state shall endeavor to raise awareness of the people
11 regarding this issue.

12 The State shall respect and protect human rights defenders against any
13 violence, retaliation and intimidation as a consequence of their human rights work.

14 **SEC. 3.** The 29th of November of every year is hereby declared as *National*
15 *Consciousness Day for Women Human Rights Defenders* in support of the

1 international campaign to protect human rights defenders (HRD), especially women's
2 rights defenders.

3 **SEC. 4.** The Commission of Human Rights (CHR) shall be the primary
4 implementor of this Act, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd),
5 Commission on Higher Education (CHED), National Commission on Indigenous
6 Peoples (NCIP) and the Philippine Commission on Women, and shall create programs
7 directed towards educating the people about human rights and gender issues and the
8 need to uphold these rights. Civil society organizations shall also be tapped to assist
9 the CHR in this endeavor.

10 The CHR shall also publish every month the status of attacks on HRDs for the
11 public to monitor and to be aware of the violations against human rights and HRDs.

12 **SEC. 5.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or otherwise
13 invalid, the validity of other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

14 **SEC. 6.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof
15 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

16 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
17 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of national circulation.

18 ***Approved,***

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 5453

(As Approved on 14 November 2018)

AN ACT MANDATING THE OBSERVANCE OF 29 NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS DAY

Introduced by: REPRESENTATIVES CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE, JOHN MARVIN "YUL SERVO C. NIETO, BERNADETTE "BH" C. HERRERA-DY, EMMI A. DE JESUS, TOMASITO S. VILLARIN, ROSANNA "RIA" V. VERGARA, MA. LOURDES R. AGGABAO, MICAELA S. VIOLAGO, ARLENE P. BROSAS, RODEL M. BATOCABE AND LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA

*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY (PRIMARY)
Committee Chairperson: REP. BERNADETTE C. HERRERA-DY*

OBJECTIVES:

- To promote the importance of respecting and protecting women human rights defenders against any violence, retaliation and intimidation as a consequence of their women human rights work.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Declares the 29th of November of every year as National Consciousness Day for the Protection of the Rights of Women Human Rights Defenders, in support of the International Campaign to protect human rights defenders especially women's rights defenders.
- Mandates the Commission on Human Rights (CHR), in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), and the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), to create programs directed towards educating the people about human rights and gender issues and the need to uphold these rights.
- Directs CHR to publish every month the status of attacks on human rights defenders (HRDs) for the public to monitor and to be aware of the violations against human rights and HRDs.

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 9710 (An Act Providing For The Magna Carta Of Women)
- Executive Order No. 163 (Declaring The Effectivity Of The Creation Of The Commission On Human Rights As Provided For In The 1987 Constitution, Providing Guidelines For The Operation Thereof, And For Other Purposes)