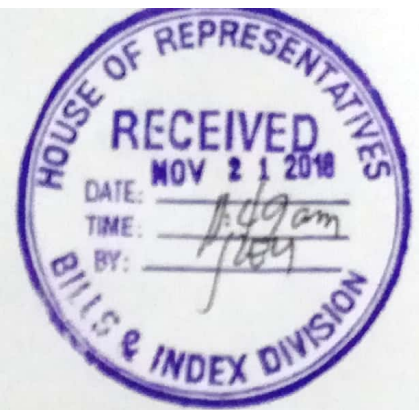


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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2331



Introduced by ACT Teachers Party-List
Rep. ANTONIO L. TINIO and Rep. FRANCE L. CASTRO,
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RESOLUTION

**STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE EFFORTS OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE 56TH IB AND THE
PARAMILITARY GROUP ALAMARA TO FORCIBLY CLOSE THE LUMAD SCHOOL
SALUGPONGAN LEARNING CENTER IN TALAINGOD, DAVAO DEL NORTE THROUGH
THREATS, HARASSMENT, AND INTIMIDATION OF TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY
MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, Salugpongan Ta'Tanu Igkanogon Community Learning Center Inc (STTCLCI) is a Lumad community school in Talaingod, Davao del Norte province established in 2007 with the support of religious groups, including the Rural Missionaries of the Philippines and several Methodist churches worldwide in order to actualize their dreams of having the next generation of the Manobo children attain free, quality and culturally-relevant education;

WHEREAS, the STTCLCI is recognized by the Department of Education (DepEd) to implement the Indigenous Peoples' Education (IPED). From a few campuses in Talaingod, the STTCLCI has expanded its services to other places in Davao del Norte, Compostela Valley, and Davao Oriental;

WHEREAS, classes in Salugpongan Learning Center's campuses in Talaingod, Davao del Norte have been disrupted for the past few months since the arrival of the 56th Infantry Battalion in June 2018 and their encampment in the community and school premises in Sitio Nasilaban and Sitio Dulyan, Brgy. Palma Gil;

WHEREAS, the military conducted an aerial bombing operation in Sitio Tibucag, Brgy. Dagohoy last August 27, 2018, which traumatized students and teachers in the Salugpongan campus;

WHEREAS, in the past few months, this battalion and its paramilitary group Alamara forcibly closed the Nasilaban campus by padlocking the school and harassing the teachers and students;

WHEREAS, this has forced the children and teachers to temporarily transfer to the Dulyan campus;

WHEREAS, the military continued with its operations such as food blockade, affecting the Lumad children and parents;

WHEREAS, on October 25, elements of the 56th IB along with the Alamara forced tribal leaders to sign a petition demanding the closure of the Salugpongan school in Nasilaban and the eviction of the teachers within one week. The paramilitary came back a week later and threatened the teachers. This forced the teachers to again transfer to the nearby Salugpongan school in Dulyan, where they resumed their class;

WHEREAS, the campus of Nasilaban remains under threat even with the attempt of the teachers and students to return on November 5. Some of their 35 students in grades 7 to 10 are now temporarily staying in Dulyan;

WHEREAS, a relief activity for this community was blocked by the 56th IB last November 17, allegedly for failing to secure permits from the town mayor;

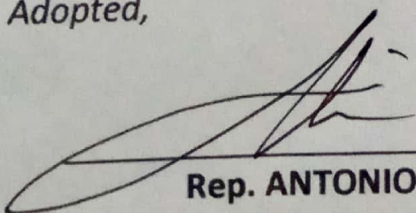
WHEREAS, the Salugpongan leaders have sought DepEd Division Superintendent Dr. Josephine Fadul for intervention as schools must be off-limits from state security forces. They also sought the Office of the Davao del Norte provincial government for intervention;

WHEREAS, the 56th IB continue to encamp in Nasilaban and Dulyan, affecting the lives of Lumad communities. Checkpoints are mounted that block relief goods delivered by school administration and church groups;

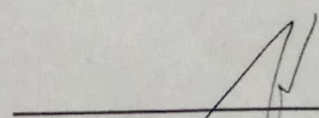
WHEREAS, on November 24, several community leaders in Sitio Nasilaban were threatened to sign a petition letter to forcibly evict the teachers and students in the whole of Talaingod. They were beaten by soldiers and they were held at gunpoint;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives Committee on Human Rights condemn the efforts of the elements of the 56th IB and the paramilitary group Alamara to forcibly close the Lumad school Salugpongan Learning Center in Talaingod, Davao Del Norte through threats, harassment, and intimidation of teachers, students and community members.

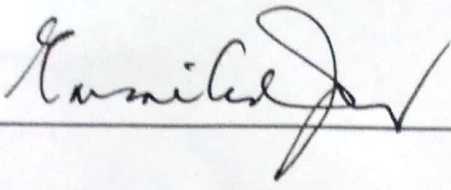
Adopted,



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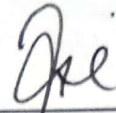


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