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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 494



INTRODUCED BY CIBAC PARTY LIST REPRESENTATIVE
HON. EDUARDO "BRO. EDDIE" C. VILLANUEVA

A RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST SENSE THE UNABATED PREYING ON THE LIVES OF FILIPINO JOURNALIST, AND EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE HOUSE ON THE DEATH OF PERCY LAPID

Whereas, Percival Carag Mabasa, known professionally as **Percy Lapid**, was a Filipino journalist and radio commentator;

Whereas, he hosted the radio program *Lapid Fire* at DWBL, where he tackled corruption cases. Lapid was a radio reporter and commentator since the 1980s for DZME, DWBC, DZRM, DWIZ and DZRJ and a columnist for the tabloid Hataw;

Whereas, Percy Lapid was killed on October 3, 2022 at around 8:30 in the evening when he was driving on his way home to BF Resort Village, a gated community in Las Piñas when a motorcycle riding murderers approached his vehicle, fired two shots that instantly led to the journalist's instant death;

Whereas, the Philippines ranked third in the deadliest countries for journalists, with three confirmed journalist deaths in 2022. Percy was the third journalist in the Philippines to be killed in 2022. The National Union of Journalist of the Philippines (NUJP) said that **197** journalists have been killed in the Philippines since 1986;

Whereas, it is appalling that this merciless killings were done in the most abhorring manner, thus a direct attack to the rights of an individual to pursue the truth and disclose to the public the truthfulness of an information;

Be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, that the House of Representatives condemn in the strongest sense the unabated preying on the lives of Filipino journalist and expressing the profound sympathy and sincere condolence of the House on the death of Percy Lapid thereby calls for the immediate state intervention to eradicate senseless killings and all acts of violence.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. C. Villanueva", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

HON. EDUARDO "BRO. EDDIE" C. VILLANUEVA