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**House Resolution No. 1516**

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*Introduced by TUCP Party-List Representative*  
**HON. RAYMOND DEMOCRITO C. MENDOZA**

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**A RESOLUTION**  
**CONDEMNING THE SENSELESS MASSACRE OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS,**  
**WORKERS AND JOURNALISTS IN AMPATUAN, MAGUINDANAO**  
**AND CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO ENFORCE THE FULL AUTHORITY**  
**OF THE LAW AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS OF THE HEINOUS CRIME.**

*WHEREAS*, the Philippines is a democratic country which is known for its adherence to the protection of human rights and which is supposedly governed by justice and the rule of law;

*WHEREAS*, the existence of armed warlords who employ private armies in Mindanao is a threat to political stability and democratic system of the country;

*WHEREAS*, the massacre in Ampatuan, Maguindanao which had taken the lives of fifty seven (57) people including workers, media workers and women leaders on November 23, 2009 questions the capacity of our State to enforce law and order;

*WHEREAS*, the massacre has raised international condemnation and blotted the image of the country;

*WHEREAS*, the victims must be given justice and their families be provided with rightful compensation for the loss of their loved ones;

*WHEREAS*, all people who were involved in the commission of that inhuman crime must be speedily prosecuted and punished for their crime;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED*, that the House of Representatives condemns the massacre as a direct assault against human rights, justice, rule of law and other democratic principles which are the foundations of Philippine polity and society and therefore must be resolved immediately by employing the full force of the law;

***RESOLVED FURTHER***, that the Philippine government must ensure that the perpetrators of that monstrous crime will be prosecuted and punished and that the families of the victims will be given just compensation;

***RESOLVED FURTHER***, that all the armed warlords in Mindanao and elsewhere in the country must be effectively neutralized by the Philippine government as they are menace to security, public safety and order and human rights.

Adopted,

**RAYMOND DEMOCRITO C. MENDOZA**