
Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING THE FILIPINO PEACEKEEPERS STATIONED AT THE GOLAN HEIGHTS FOR THEIR EXHIBITED BRAVERY AND RESOLVE AMIDST ADVERSITY AND VIOLENCE BY THE SYRIAN REBELS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for bringing pride and honor to the country;

WHEREAS, 75 Filipino peacekeepers of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) assigned on two separate encampments at the Golan Heights in the Syria-Israel Border were surrounded by more than one hundred Syrian rebels reportedly to divest the soldiers of their weapons, ammunitions and essential provisions;

WHEREAS, despite being outnumbered and coming under heavy fire, the Filipino soldiers returned fire and stood their ground as they repel the attack until after they were extricated by reinforcement several hours later;

WHEREAS, the Filipino peacekeepers are part of the 1,249 strong monitoring force composed also of soldiers from Fiji, India, Ireland, Nepal and the Netherlands tasked to oversee the disengagement accord between Syria and Israel after their war in 1973;

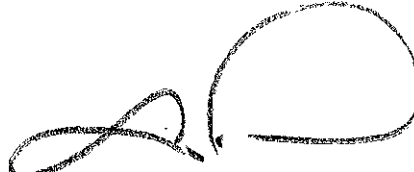
WHEREAS, several incidents of violence against the UNDOF monitoring force have been reported, the latest of which is the siege and capture by the Syrian rebels of 44 Fijian soldiers;

WHEREAS, the heroic stance and firm resolve of the Filipino soldiers earned them praises and recognition from the international community;

WHEREAS, the heroism and dedication to duty displayed by the Filipino peacekeepers while on assignment at the volatile Golan Heights deserve to be commended and emulated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Philippine Senate commend the Filipino peacekeepers stationed at the Golan Heights for their exhibited bravery and resolve amidst adversity and violence by the Syrian rebels.

Adopted,


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Senator