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Introduced by Senator Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III

RESOLUTION
HONORING AND REMEMBERING
THE FALLEN HEROES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE,
WHO DIED DEFENDING THE CITY OF MARAWI,
FOR THEIR INVALUABLE SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY AND
THE FILIPINO PEOPLE, AND EXPRESSING PROFOUND
CONDOLENCES TO THEIR BEREAVED FAMILIES

WHEREAS, *Article II, Section 5* of the *1987 Constitution* provides that “[t]he maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy”;

WHEREAS, *Article II, Section 3* of the *1987 Constitution* provides that “[t]he Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory”;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6975 established the Philippine National Police to maintain peace and order and take all necessary steps to ensure public safety;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, paid its respects to remarkable Filipinos for their outstanding legacy and service to our country and the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2017, the Maute terrorist group, which has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, attacked the City of Marawi for the purpose of removing this part of Mindanao from the allegiance to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and/or depriving the Chief Executive of his powers and prerogatives, resulting in at least 50 civilian casualties, displacement of more than 200,000 residents, and the destruction of the city;

WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police engaged the terrorist group in fierce combat since the first day of the attack;

WHEREAS, the extraordinary gallantry of our soldiers and police forces was exemplified by PFC DHAN RYAN A BAYOT, (INF) PA and 1LT JOHN FREDERICK S SAVELLANO, PN (M). PFC Bayot made the ultimate sacrifice when he asked his superiors to bomb his location that was heavily surrounded by the enemy. "*Just bomb my location, Sir!*", were one of his final words, while 1LT Savellano was killed in action in an hours-long gun battle four days after he successfully led the team that discovered the banknotes in millions of peso found in a house that served as a hideaway and sniper's nest for the terrorist group. He was due to marry his fiancée this year, likewise a soldier;

WHEREAS, these accounts bring to fore the heroic deeds of our soldiers and police forces who continue to fight and put their lives on the line. Fifty-nine (59) of them have died and dozens others wounded as of the signing of this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the whole nation grieves with their bereaved families;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte mourns this great loss and vows to honor their memories;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, speaking through Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno, remembers these fallen heroes and celebrates their valor in sorrow;

WHEREAS, in unison with the Executive and Judiciary branches of Government and in solidarity with the Filipino people, the Senate of the Philippines resolves to honor and remember our soldiers and police forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in fulfillment of their duty to defend and protect our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE FALLEN HEROES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, NAMED HEREUNDER, WHO DIED DEFENDING THE CITY OF MARAWI, FOR THEIR INVALUABLE SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY AND THE FILIPINO PEOPLE:

1. P/INSP EDWIN V PLACIDO, PNP
2. 1LT JOHN CARL C MORALES, (INF) PA
3. 1LT RAYMOND M ABAD, PN (M)
4. 1LT JOHN FREDERICK S SAVELLANO, PN (M)
5. 1LT JUNRICH LEGADA, (INF) PA
6. S/INSP FREDIE SOLAR, PNP
7. 2LT MCGLENN Z ABUYABOR, (INF) PA
8. TSGT JESSIE B SANTOS, (CAV) PA
9. TSGT ALDRIN DINGLASAN
10. SSGT JULHABIR J DAKKAY, (INF) PA
11. SSGT JOSEPH P VILLANUEVA, (INF) PA
12. SSGT JOVEN Q TRISTON, PN (M)
13. SGT MARLON V BALDOVINO, (CAV) PA
14. SGT ERIC JASON J COROS, (INF) PA
15. SGT ASAH A SAKIRAN, (INF) PA
16. SGT THROLEN R LAGO, (INF) PA
17. SGT SIMEON I PLARES, PN (M)
18. SGT MIGUELITO A ABAO, PN (M)
19. SGT MEYNARD O PEGARIDO, PN (M)
20. SGT RUDY A ESPELIMBURGO
21. CPL BENITO G SERRANO, (INF) PA
22. CPL ELMER M ANNO, (INF) PA
23. CPL TAHIRUDDIN K SALAHUDDIN, (INF) PA
24. CPL PHILIP G APAO, (INF) PA
25. CPL ALIYASIR I ABDULLA, (INF) PA
26. CPL RICKY A ASAN, (INF) PA
27. CPL CHRISTOPHER C DELA CRUZ, (INF) PA
28. CPL NILO R DONATO JR, (INF) PA
29. CPL REYMUND A PARACUELLES, (CE) PA
30. CPL JOHVA M AQUINO, (INF) PA
31. CPL JOHN ROMULO C GARCIA, PN (M)
32. CPL JOBERT O COFINO, PN (M)
33. CPL ROLAN H SUMAGPANG, PN (M)
34. PFC ELDON C ROGADOR, (INF) PA
35. PFC WILLIAM B TUANDA JR, (INF) PA

36. PFC BERMILOU P PARDILLO, (INF) PA
37. PFC DHAN RYAN A BAYOT, (INF) PA
38. PFC ANGELO A ESTORES JR, (INF) PA
39. PFC DONDEE D ORBODA, (INF) PA
40. PFC ELMER D BUENO, (INF) PA
41. PFC MELVIN S RATON, (INF) PA
42. PFC EDMOND D PRINCIPE, (INF) PA
43. PFC ANTHONY C CAPULOT, (INF) PA
44. PFC KEVIN E SISIBAN, (INF) PA
45. PFC ARHANIE O AMPALO, (INF) PA
46. PFC EDDIE C CARDONA JR, PN (M)
47. PFC BERNIE JHON B LUNAS, PN (M)
48. PFC GENER C TINANGAG, PN (M)
49. PFC MARVIN RUSSEL D GOMEZ, PN (M)
50. PVT JESSRAEL O BUTALINA, (INF) PA
51. PFC REYMAR E CARLOTO, (INF) PA
52. PFC ROWEE M MONTALBAN, PN (M)
53. PVT MARLO P ROTA, (INF) PA
54. PVT JUNIE BERTH R PURLAS, (INF) PA
55. PVT ROEL M CABONITA, (INF) PA
56. PVT RAMON L MONTEJO, (INF) PA
57. PVT SAED ABDUL RAHMAN H PALADA, (INF) PA
58. PVT MARK DARELL A PARBA, (CAV) PA
59. PO1 JUNAID S MAMA, PNP

RESOLVED, FURTHER, THAT THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES EXPRESS ITS PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THEIR BEREAVED FAMILIES;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FURNISHED TO THE FAMILIES OF THESE COURAGEOUS MEN WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE ACTS OF SACRIFICE FOR LOVE OF THEIR COUNTRY.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III