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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE 135 FILIPINO SOLDIERS OF THE 11TH PHILIPPINE PEACEKEEPING CONTINGENT SERVING WITH THE UN MISSION IN LIBERIA (UNMIL) WHO WERE AWARDED UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING MEDALS BY THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN LIBERIA ON 16 JUNE 2009.

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

WHEREAS, members of the 11th Philippine Peacekeeping Contingent under Contingent Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Arnel dela Vega received UN Peacekeeping medals from the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General Ellen Margrethe Løj for "discharging their duties with discipline and rigour" in Liberia and "upholding the UN values of integrity, professionalism and respect" last 16 June 2009 at Monrovia, Liberia;

WHEREAS, the awarding ceremony was attended by Deputy Force Commander Major General Carl Modey, Director of Mission Support, Mr. Stephen Lieberman, Officer-in-Charge for Operations and Rule of Law, Mr. Kamudoni Nyasulu, Chief of Administrative Services, Ms. Stephani Scheer and other senior UNMIL military and civilian officials;

WHEREAS, in her speech, UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General Ellen Margrethe Løj commended the Philippine contingent responsible for the security of the UNMIL Headquarters, for their "professionalism and respect for the people and communities they serve but also for their contribution to peace and stability in that country.";

WHEREAS, the Philippine contingent was first deployed to Monrovia in 2003 to serve as the Force Headquarters Support Unit, which is in charge of providing area, point and security patrols at the UNMIL headquarters as well as motor transport coordination and administrative, operational and logistical support;

WHEREAS, the outstanding service and dedication to duty displayed by our 135 Filipino soldiers deployed in the United Nations Mission In Liberia (UNMIL) deserve to be commended for the honor they brought our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend the 135 Filipino soldiers of the 11th Philippine Peacekeeping Contingent serving with the United Nations Mission In Liberia (UNMIL) who were awarded United Nations Peacekeeping medals by the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for their contribution to peace and stability in Liberia on 16 June 2009.

Adopted,



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