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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR VILLAR

RESOLUTION

**SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVE OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE
TO RECOVER UNLICENSED FIREARMS IN THE HANDS OF CIVILIANS
AND REBELS TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF CASES INVOLVING GUN-
RELATED HOMICIDE AND ELECTION-RELATED VIOLENCE**

Whereas, according to Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief Director General Jesus Versoza, an estimated 1.11 million unlicensed guns are in the hands of civilians, private armies and Muslim and communist insurgents;

Whereas, said figure is on top of the estimated 1.8 million firearms of the police, military and licensed security agencies;

Whereas, Manila and nearby provinces, as well the southern island of Mindanao account for over half the illegal weapons;

Whereas, the World Health Organization ranked the Philippines as tenth in the world with a high-rate of gun-related homicides;

Whereas, PNP has warned political warlords to turn in unlicensed firearms ahead of the May 2010 national elections to prevent bloodshed among rival candidates;

Whereas, in the 2007 congressional elections, there were about 229 violent incidents reported, most of which involved the use of illegal firearms;

Whereas, the presence of loose firearms in the country contributes in our problems with crime, and peace and order: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to support the initiative of the Philippine National Police to recover unlicensed firearms in the hands of civilians and rebels to reduce the incidence of cases involving gun-related homicide and election-related violence.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR