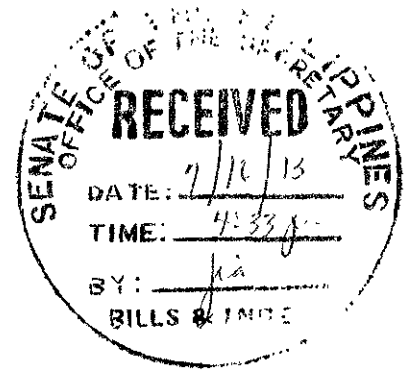


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Introduced by Senator Antonio "SONNY" F. Trillanes IV

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**JOINT RESOLUTION**

**INCREASING THE SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE OF ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND OF ALL COMMISSIONED AND NON-COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) FROM NINETY PESOS (P90.00) TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PESOS (P150.00) PER DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution expressly declares that: "The Armed Forces (AFP) 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"; and that "The preservation of peace and order within the regions shall be the responsibility of the local police agencies which shall be organized, maintained, supervised, and utilized in accordance with applicable laws";

**WHEREAS**, moreover, it is the declared policy of the State to promote professionalism in the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police (PNP) and provide adequate remuneration and benefits of its members as the prime concern of the State;

**WHEREAS**, despite of the aforementioned lofty constitutional precepts, our military and police personnel receive measly salaries, inadequate allowances and insufficient benefits, and are among the lowest paid in the Government;

**WHEREAS**, a case in point is the Subsistence Allowance they receive: the officers and enlisted personnel of the AFP and the commissioned and non-commissioned personnel of the PNP receive Subsistence Allowance of ninety (P90.00) per day, a very small amount by any standard;

**WHEREAS**, it is very clear that the said amount can hardly support the subsistence of the family of soldiers and police personnel as the National Statistics Office (NSO) stated officially that monthly cost of living for a of five (5) should be at least thirteen thousand two hundred pesos (P13,200.00) per month in order to recoup a decent living;

**WHEREAS**, it is high time that we recognize and honor the very vital roles played by our soldiers and policemen by looking after their welfare and providing them with decent and adequate compensation as well as reasonable and substantial benefits;

**WHEREAS**, in line with the declared policy of the State to promote professionalism in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police, and to provide adequate remuneration and benefits of its members as a prime concern of the State, this joint resolution is a step in this direction as it seeks to increase the Subsistence Allowance of military and police personnel from Ninety pesos (P90.00) to One hundred and fifty pesos (P150.00) per day.

Now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled, to increase the subsistence allowance of all officers and enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and all commissioned and non-commissioned personnel of the Philippine National Police (PNP) from Ninety Pesos (P90.00) to One hundred and Fifty Pesos (P150.00) per day.

**RESOLVED FURTHER, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Department of National Defense (DND) in coordination with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP) shall promulgate and immediately issue the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Resolution, and in order to carry out its proper implementation and shall allocate such amounts as may be necessary for its implementation, which amounts shall be charged against the savings of the DND and the DILG for the current year. Thereafter, the National Government shall appropriate annually and include in the General Appropriations Act the amount corresponding to the total annual cost of the increase in Subsistence Allowance.

*Adopted,*

  
ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV