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RESOLUTION

URGING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) TO STRENGTHEN THEIR ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN, IN VIEW OF THE REPORTS THAT REVEALED MEMBERS OF THE AFP, TESTED POSITIVE FOR PROHIBITED DRUGS WITH THE INTENTION OF ERADICATING ILLEGAL DRUG ABUSE WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS, the random drug-testing conducted by the Philippine Military revealed that - at least one-hundred-thirteen (113) tested positive for prohibited drugs¹;

WHEREAS, a total of twenty-thousand (20,000) soldiers were targeted in the random drug-testing - 8,000 from the Army, 4,000 from the Navy, 4,000 from the Philippine Air Force, and 4,000 from the rest of the units²;

WHEREAS, a tabulation of the drug users also shows a trend that the younger the individual, the greater the susceptibility to drug use is; this indicated: 5% are Staff Sergeant/Petty Officer 2; 12% are Sergeant/Petty Officer 3; 26% are Corporal/Airman 1st Class/Seaman 1st Class; 51% are Private First Class/Airman 2nd Class/Seaman 2nd Class; and 6% are Private/Airman/Seaman³;

WHEREAS, based on a comparative analysis, personnel from the Air Force, unified commands and AFP-Wide Service Support Units have consistently registered the lowest number of personnel confirmed to be using illegal drugs⁴;

WHEREAS, on the other hand, members from the Army and Navy, particularly Marines, have recorded the highest number of personnel positive of illegal drug use⁵;

WHEREAS, this is a matter of utmost importance for the AFP is trusted by whole nation as harbingers of truth and protectors of sovereignty;

WHEREAS, the eradication of individuals that abuses prohibited drugs carrying the name of the AFP, is a priority of the Philippine Government;

¹ Rappler news website, 113 soldiers test positive for illegal drugs, <http://www.rappler.com/nation/48449-soldiers-positive-illegal-drugs>

² Ibid.

³ Tribune news website, 113 soldiers positive for illegal drug use, <http://www.tribune.net.ph/metro-section/113-soldiers-positive-for-illegal-drug-use>

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved urging the AFP to strengthen their anti-drug campaign, in view of the reports that revealed members of the AFP, tested positive for prohibited drugs with the intention of eradicating illegal drug abuse within the armed forces.

Adopted,



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