

SENATE RESOLUTION

S.R. No. 42

Introduced by SENATOR ALFREDO S. LIM

RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-
ARROYO TO CONSIDER THE GRANT OF AMNESTY TO
ALL LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE "OAKWOOD
MUTINY" HELD ON JULY 27, 2003.

Whereas, on July 27, 2003, several military officers and soldiers occupied the Oakwood luxury apartments in Makati, encamped inside it and announced over the radio and television their gripes over the corruption in the military and called for the resignation of Secretary Reyes, among others;

Whereas, although it appeared that the putschists were firm in blowing up some areas surrounding the building which they ringed with mines, nonetheless, through the efforts of our colleagues as well as retired military leaders, they were finally prevailed upon to lay down their arms, surrender to the authorities and go back to barracks;

Whereas, compared to previous incidents of coup attempts which were bloody and claimed lives of people as well as damaged public and private properties, the "Oakwood Mutiny" did not claim a single life, shed no drop of blood, nor caused destruction of a property as, not a single shot was fired;

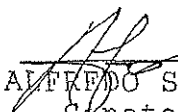
Whereas, there were also uprisings or rebellion involving non-military personnel, such as those of the collaborators in the last World War II, the Hukbalahap, the Batangas uprising, MNLF, the NPA and the MILF where the leaders and participants figured in clashes with government troops and resulted to death and destruction of properties;

Whereas, notwithstanding the attendant deaths and destruction in previous coup attempts and rebellion by those who clashed with government forces, their leaders and followers had been granted amnesty, their revolutionary activities forgiven and, they were allowed to assimilate with and join our society or engage in legitimate political activities as part of national reconciliation; and,

Whereas, there appears to be no justifiable reason now to continuously detain, prosecute and deprive the leaders and participants of the Oakwood Mutiny of their freedom and means of livelihood since they have been sufficiently punished, and more importantly, now, more than ever before, the government must exercise leniency, absolve its offenders, and demonstrate magnanimity in the face of the current political strife that divides this nation and, as a manifestation of its desire for genuine national reconciliation so that its energies could be devoted on more important aspects of national progress and development, it must now extend amnesty to said leaders and participants; Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo be urged to consider granting amnesty to all the leaders and participants of the "Oakwood Mutiny" of July 27, 2003 under the terms and conditions laid down in Presidential Proclamation Nos. 347 and 348 promulgated March 25, 1994.

Adopted 2004.


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