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RESOLUTION
URGING THE SENATE TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PNP-SAF
MEMBERS DEPLOYED IN MAMAPASANO, MAGUINADANAO
INCLUDING THE 44 SLAUGHTERED MEN FOR THE HEROIC
PERFORMANCE OF THEIR SWORN CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY AS
PROTECTOR OF THE STATE AND TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST
CONDOLENCES TO THEIR BEREAVED FAMILIES

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Police (PNP) has the duty to protect the State and its people. To maintain peace and order, the PNP shall take all necessary steps to ensure public safety and secure the sovereignty and integrity of the national territory.

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2015, a total of 392 SAF troops (*an entire battalion*) were deployed and went to Barangay Tukanalipao, Mamasapano, Maguindanao to serve outstanding warrants of arrest against Jemaah Islamiyah leader Zulkifli Bin Hir alias Marwan and Basit Usman.

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2015, in the course of the operation, the members of the PNP-SAF figured in a clash with members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF). As a result thereof, forty four (44) members of the PNP-SAF were killed.

WHEREAS, Zulkifli Bin Hir alias Marwan and Basit Usman were tagged for the bombing attacks in Mindanao and were reportedly holed up in Mamasapano, under the protection of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF).

WHEREAS, Jemaah Islamiyah leader Zulkifli bin Abdul Hir, also known as Commander Marwan, was believed to be killed in Maguindanao from the said encounter, but his supposed death came at a heavy price killing 44 members of the PNP-SAF and 12 commandos wounded in action.

WHEREAS, the said operation was marked as the biggest single-day loss for Philippine forces in years, which could affect the peace treaty entered into by the Government with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).¹

WHEREAS, despite the imminent loss of life, the entire SAF troop including the 44 members who died pursued the capture of *Zulkifli Bin Hir* alias Marwan and Basit Usman. Such display of dedication and commitment by the members of PNP-SAF to capture those who were considered enemies of the State deserves recognition.

WHEREAS, attached in this resolution is the official list² of the 44 members of the PNP-SAF who were killed in the encounter.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge the proper Senate Committee to recognize and honor the PNP-SAF members deployed and 44 slaughtered in the Mamasapano, Maguindanao operation for the heroic performance of their sworn Constitutional duty as protector of the state and to extend our deepest condolences to their bereaved families. **Resolved further**, that a copy of this resolution be given to the concerned officers and members of PNP-SAF, and to the bereaved families of those who fought and died during the encounter.

Adopted,



JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
Senator

¹ <http://www.tempo.com.ph/2015/01/27/43-police-commandos-killed-in-maguindanao/>