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Introduced by: Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" A. Aquino IV

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE MEDAL OF VALOR TO THE FORTY-FOUR (44) PNP SAF OFFICERS WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN MAMASAPANO, MAGUINDANAO, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY AND COMMENDING THEM FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY COURAGE AND HEROISM.

Whereas, the 1987 Constitution upholds that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

Whereas, Republic Act No. 6975 otherwise known as the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990, establishes one of the core functions of the Philippine National Police (PNP) which is to maintain peace and order and take all necessary steps to ensure public safety;

Whereas, on January 25, 2015, members of the PNP Special Action Force (SAF) conducted a law enforcement operation that involved the serving of an outstanding arrest warrant to Southeast Asia's most wanted terrorist, Zulkipli Bin Hir, alias Abu Marwan, in a rebel-controlled area in Mamasapano, Maguindanao;

Whereas, the SAF team succeeded in killing the terrorist, Marwan. However, in the course of the operation, members of the team came under intense rebel fire from members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF). Forty four (44) SAF officers were killed in the encounter which lasted eleven hours;

Whereas, the names of the 44 SAF officers killed during this high-risk police operation are as follows:

1. Sr. Insp. Ryan Ballesteros Pabalinas
2. Sr. Insp. John Garry Alcantara Erana
3. Sr. Insp. Max Jim Ramirez Tria
4. Sr. Insp. Cyrus Paleyan Anniban
5. Sr. Insp. Gednat G. Tabdi
6. Insp. Joey Sacristan Gamutan
7. Insp. Rennie Tayrus
8. SPO1 Lover L. Inocencio
9. PO3 Rodrigo F. Acob Jr.
10. PO3 Virgel S. Villanueva
11. PO3 Andres Viernes Duque Jr.
12. PO3 Vitoriano Nacion Acaín
13. PO3 Noel Onangey Golocan
14. PO3 Junrel Narvas Kibete
15. PO3 Jed-In Abubakar Asjali
16. PO3 Robert Dommolog Allaga

17. PO3 John Lloyd Rebammonte Sumbilla
18. PO2 Amman Misuari Esmula
19. PO2 Peterson I. Carap
20. PO2 Roger C. Cordero
21. PO2 Nicky DC Nacino Jr.
22. PO2 Glenn Berecio Bedua
23. PO2 Chum Goc-Ong Agabon
24. PO2 Richelle Salangan Baluga
25. PO2 Noel Nebrida Balaca
26. PO2 Joel Bimidang Dulnuan
27. PO2 Godofredo Basak Cabanlet
28. PO2 Franklin Cadap Danao
29. PO2 Walner Faustino Danao
30. PO2 Jerry Dailay Kayob
31. PO2 Noble Sungay Kiangon
32. PO2 Ephraim G. Mejia
33. PO2 Omar Agacer Nacionales
34. PO2 Rodel Eva Ramacula
35. PO2 Romeo Valles Senin II
36. PO1 Russel Bawaan Bilog
37. PO1 Angel C. Kodiamat
38. PO1 Windell Llano Candano
39. PO1 Loreto Guyab Capinding
40. PO1 Gringo Charag Cayang-o
41. PO1 Romeo Cumanoy Cempron
42. PO1 Mark Lory Orloque Clemencio
43. PO1 Joseph Gumatay Sagonoy
44. PO1 Oliebeth Ligutan Viernes

Whereas, Republic Act No. 9049 honors military heroes and affiliates for their supreme self-sacrifice and distinctive acts of heroism and gallantry by awarding the Medal of Valor which entitles the widower and/or dependents of the awardee to a lifetime monthly gratuity and precedence in employment in National Government Agencies (NGAs) or Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) among other benefits;

Whereas, the 44 officers of the PNP-SAF fought valiantly and sacrificed their lives in the performance of their duty, in the service to the Filipino people and the nation's quest for peace;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, recommending the posthumous awarding of the Medal of Valor to the forty-four (44) PNP SAF officers who sacrificed their lives in Mamasapano, Maguindanao, in the performance of their duty and commending them for their exemplary courage and heroism.

Adopted,

