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Jt. Resolution No. 3

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" Trillanes IV

JOINT RESOLUTION

TO INCREASE THE COMBAT DUTY PAY OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) FROM A MINIMUM OF FIVE PER CENTUM (5%) TO A MAXIMUM OF TWENTY-FIVE PER CENTUM (25%) OF THE BASE PAY OF A PRIVATE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is the protector of the people and the State, and its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory;

WHEREAS, the Constitution provides that "professionalism in the Armed Forces and adequate remuneration and benefits of its members shall be a prime concern of the State; x x x"

WHEREAS, our soldiers in the AFP receive a measly P240.00 monthly combat duty pay, a fact which is hardly an incentive to soldiers who meet with numerous perils at the risk of life and limb in the performance of their task;

WHEREAS, the last increase thereon was effected more than 22 years ago, through Executive Order No. 1017 dated 22 March 1985, thus only highlighting the need to upgrade such allowance;

WHEREAS, the current national security situation necessitates a pro-active approach while at the same time looking after the morale and welfare of those tasked with the protection of our people and our institutions;

WHEREAS, this initiative is in reaffirmation with the Executive Department of the common concern towards improving the welfare and living conditions of all officers and enlisted personnel of the AFP; Now, Therefore, Be It

Resolved, By the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

1. The combat duty pay of officers and enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) shall be increased by category based on the following degree of their exposure to danger:

- a) 25 % of Base Pay of Private/ Apprentice Seaman (E-1) - to be granted to those who are assigned in tactical Brigades and its Combat Support complements (or their equivalent in other Major Service) who are engaged in the conduct of combat and/or internal security operations;
 - b) 15 % of Base Pay of Private/ Apprentice Seaman (E-1) - to be granted to those who are assigned in Division Headquarters and Its Combat Support and Combat Service Support complements (or their equivalent in other Major Service) who are engaged in combat operations and/or internal security operations and to personnel providing security to the President; and
 - c) 5% of Base Pay of Private/ Apprentice Seaman (E-1) - to be granted to those who are assigned in Unified Command Headquarters and its Service Support complements (or their equivalent in other Major Service) who are engaged in combat operations and/ or internal security operations.
2. Such amount as may be necessary to implement this joint resolution for the current year shall be charged to the savings of the Department of National Defense and to the General Appropriations Act for the succeeding years.
 3. All laws, resolutions, executive issuances, decrees, and rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

Adopted,



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Senator