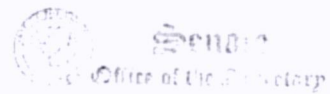



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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 148  
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Submitted by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture and Public Order and ~~Legal~~ Drugs  
on AUG 07 2017

Re: Senate Bill No. 1248

Recommending that it be archived.

Sponsor: Senator Escudero

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Education, Arts and Culture and Public Order and ~~Legal~~ Drugs to  
which was referred Senate Bill No. 1248, introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy Binay,  
entitled:

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**“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING  
HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE HEROISM  
AND SACRIFICE OF THE FALLEN 44 OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE  
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have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the  
recommendation that it be archived. The National Historical Commission of the Philippines  
(NHCP), in its position paper, stated that National Heroes Day has come to encompass all our  
heroes, from the Revolutionary Era to World War II and beyond. In President Quirino’s National  
Heroes Day speech in 1952, he spoke about the concept of “heroes in the making”, being those  
“men and women...who with faith, courage, and energy are building a new nation that is free,  
secure and content”. Based on this concept, NHCP opines that National Heroes Day may be  
considered as also memorializing the SAF 44 when they responded to fulfill their mandate of  
enforcing the law, which is their contribution to the continuing struggle of building our nation.

Respectfully submitted:

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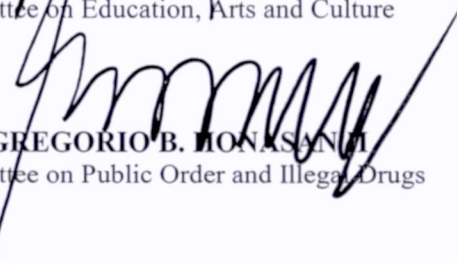
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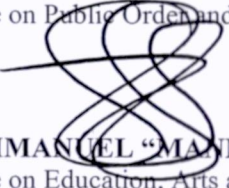
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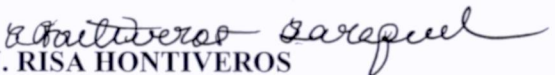
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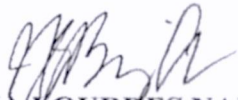
EXPLANATORY NOTE

On January 25, 2015 the Philippine National Police Special Action Force (PNP-SAF) carried out a law enforcement operation to serve the arrest warrant against the most wanted terrorists Zulkifli bin Hir, also known as "Marwan", and Abdul Basit Usman. Unfortunately, said operation led to 44 PNP-SAF casualties.

These 44 heroes sacrificed their lives with only one thing in mind: to fulfill their mandate to enforce the law, prevent and control crimes, maintain peace and order, and ensure public safety and internal security with the active support of the community. Not only did they accomplish their mission, they made the PNP-SAF proud and serve as an inspiration to cadets and future policemen.

The efforts of the PNP-SAF 44 will always be remembered and should be given recognition.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.

  
**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**  
Senator

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7 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*  
8 *assembled:*  
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10 SECTION 1. The twenty-fifth (25th) day of January of every year is hereby declared as a special  
11 working holiday throughout the country to commemorate the bravery, heroism and sacrifice of  
12 the 44 fallen members of the Philippine National Police Special Action Force.  
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14 SECTION 2. To ensure a meaningful observance of the holiday as herein declared, all heads of  
15 government agencies and instrumentalities, including government owned and controlled  
16 corporations as well as local government units, and employers in the private sector shall  
17 encourage and afford sufficient time and participate in any activity conducted in their respective  
18 localities to celebrate such a commemoration.  
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20 SECTION. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) days following its publication in at least  
21 two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.  
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24 Approved,