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Introduced by Senators Mar Roxas, Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr., Richard J. Gordon, Alfredo S. Lim and Juan Ponce Enrile

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**A RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO RECONSTITUTE THE OFFICE OF THE ANTI-SMUGGLING TASK FORCE (NASTF), ANTI-SMUGGLING INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION CENTER (ASIIC), AS WELL AS THE CABINET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON ANTI-SMUGGLING (COCAS), IN LIGHT OF THE UNABATED ILLEGAL ENTRY OF VARIOUS COMMERCIAL GOODS INTO THE COUNTRY, WHICH HAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BOTH THE BUSINESS AND PUBLIC SECTOR, IN EFFECT FURTHER DAMAGING THE NATIONAL ECONOMY**

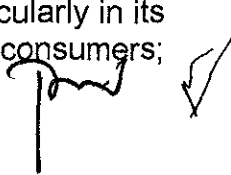
**WHEREAS**, on 10 March 2004, Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, signed Executive Order No. 297 which created the Office of the Anti-Smuggling Presidential Adviser (OASPA) which shall head the anti-smuggling task force (NASTF), anti-smuggling intelligence and information center (ASIIC), as well as the cabinet oversight committee on anti-smuggling (COCAS);

**WHEREAS**, the said adviser, with the coordination of the aforementioned offices, shall provide advise and recommendation to the President of the Republic of the Philippines, on matters relating to smuggling and other acts contrary to customs law committed on a large scale or by criminal syndicates that pose a serious and direct threat to the national economy by depriving the government of much-needed revenues and unfairly competing with legitimate businesses and to the national security through introduction into the country of dangerous drugs or prohibited articles;

**WHEREAS**, the OASPA, for barely half a year has already turned in a successful performance by filing sixty (60) smuggling cases, five thousand one hundred twenty-one (5121) spot inspections of reefer vans and as a result contributing to a total of additional revenue of Forty-eight Million Two Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-One Pesos (P 48,294,681) to the National Government;

**WHEREAS**, in spite of this positive output, the OASPA, was abolished last August 2004 for reasons unknown, coinciding with the assumption of the new Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs (BOC);

**WHEREAS**, the abolition of the OASPA comes at a time when the business and the public sectors are regaining their confidence in government, particularly in its sincere efforts to protect local traders, manufacturers, producers and consumers;



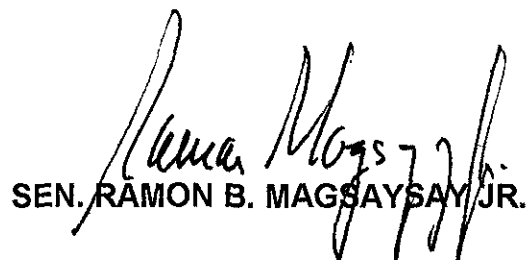
**WHEREAS**, there is a resounding clamor from both the business and public sectors to reinstate the OASPA in light of the wanton incidence of smuggling in the Philippines, which has resulted in the entry of substandard goods and products thereby threatening both Filipino consumers and producers;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Philippine Senate strongly urges the Office of the President to reconstitute the office of the Anti-Smuggling Task Force (NASTF), Anti-Smuggling Intelligence and Information Center (ASIIC), as well as the Cabinet Oversight Committee on Anti-Smuggling (COCAS), in light of the unabated illegal entry of various commercial goods into the country, which has adversely affected both the business and public sector, in effect further damaging the national economy.

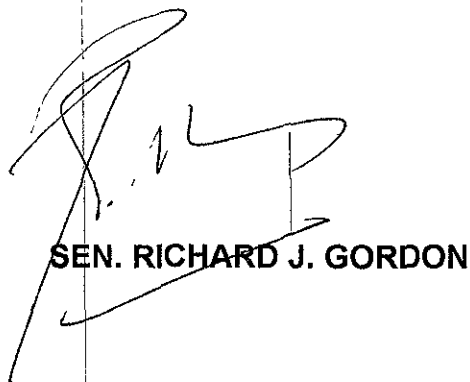
**ADOPTED,**



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