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Introduced by Senator Magsaysay, Jr.

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO URGE HER EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO TO CONVENE THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND ADDRESS THE HOSTILITIES IMMEDIATELY TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE PEOPLE OF MINDANAO CAUGHT IN THE MIDST OF TENSION AND VIOLENCE

Whereas, on February 7, 2005, fighting between the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and a substantial segment of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) loyal to Nur Misuari broke out in Jolo, Sulu;

Whereas, the ongoing conflict in the Province of Sulu run the risk of further worsening the violence and security, national stability and the over-all economic crisis being experienced at present;

Whereas, the recent successive bombings in various public places are serious manifestations that the country is in a maelstrom of imminent danger;

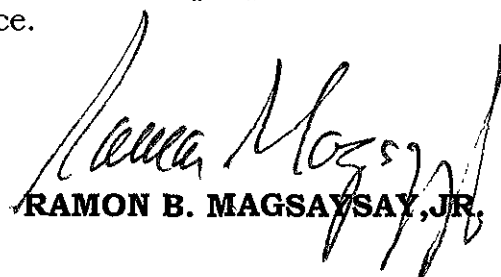
Whereas, the President should act in haste and make a drastic move to stop the fighting of what had been considered by AFP Deputy Chief of Staff himself as one of the worst battles between government troops and the Muslim rebels;

Whereas, heightened military offensives threaten to invalidate the Philippine government's peace-building efforts with the MNLF, as well as influence its current peace negotiations with the MILF;

Whereas, as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Chief Executive of the land, the 1987 Philippine Constitution envisions the President to be the main protector of the citizenry with the attendant goal of securing the sovereignty of the nation and the integrity of the national territory: Now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To Express the sense of the Senate to urge Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to convene the National Security Council and address the hostilities immediately taking into consideration the people of Mindanao caught in the midst of tension and violence.

ADOPTED,


RAMON B. MAGSAYSAY, JR.