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P.S. Resolution No. 208

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Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO
EXAMINE THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO GRANT THE BENEFITS DUE TO OUR
WORLD WAR II VETERANS AND TO EXPLORE WAYS AND MEANS TO PROVIDE FOR
THE SAME**

WHEREAS, it has been sixty (60) years since World War II, and our country, together with the rest of the world, is presently commemorating World War II through a year-long nationwide celebration to recognize the enduring legacy of the ideals of World War II and to reacquaint the public with the significance of the war as a shaping event of the 20th century;

WHEREAS, as we commemorate the victory of our heroes in the 60th Anniversary of World War II, we recognize that it is, indeed, their ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives that served to protect and defend our country's liberty and freedom, including our very destiny and the destiny of the rest of the world;

WHEREAS, considering that our World War II veterans are now already aged, weak, sickly and dying, the benefits that are due them such as old age pension, disability pension, death pension, total administrative disability, educational benefits, hospitalization benefits, burial assistance and veterans preference under Republic Act No. 6948, as amended by Republic Act No. 7696, have not been fully accorded them;

WHEREAS, as the pension claims of veterans, estimated at around twenty-three billion pesos (PhP23,000,000,000) in arrearages, continue to increase, the government appropriation for the same is very limited, meager and insufficient;

WHEREAS, ways and means to fully grant the benefits due to our World War II veterans must be explored with utmost urgency before it may be too late for the enhancement of their welfare in recognition of their patriotic service to our country as heroes of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Art. XVI, Sec. 7 of the Constitution states that "The State shall provide immediate and adequate care, benefits, and other forms of assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans. Funds shall be provided therefor and due consideration shall be given them in the disposition of agricultural lands of the public domain and, in appropriate cases, in the utilization of natural resources.":
Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, as it is hereby resolved, To call an investigation, in aid of legislation, to explore the government's efforts to grant the benefits that are due to our World War II veterans and to explore ways and means to provide for the same.

Approved,



RICHARD J. GORDON