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S. Jt. Reso. No. 2

Introduced by Senator Raffy T. Tulfo

JOINT RESOLUTION

INCREASING THE SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE OF ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND OF ALL COMMISSIONED AND NON-COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) FROM ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS (P150) TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS (P250) PER DAY

1 WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution expressly declared that: "The Armed Forces
2 of the Philippines (AFP) is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal is to
3 secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory"; and
4 that "The preservation of peace and order within the regions shall be the responsibility
5 of the local police agencies which shall be organized, maintained, supervised, and
6 utilized in accordance with applicable laws";

7 WHEREAS, moreover, it is declared policy of the State to promote
8 professionalism in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine
9 National Police (PNP) and provide adequate remuneration and benefits to its members
10 as the prime concern of the State;

11 WHEREAS, despite the aforementioned lofty constitutional precepts, our
12 military and police personnel receive Subsistence Allowance of one hundred fifty pesos
13 (P150.00) per day, a very small amount by any standard;

14 WHEREAS, it is very clear that the said amount can hardly support the
15 subsistence of the family of soldiers and police personnel as the Philippine Statistics

1 Authority (PSA) stated officially that the monthly cost of living should be at least forty-
2 four thousand pesos (P 44,000.00) per month in order to recoup a decent living;

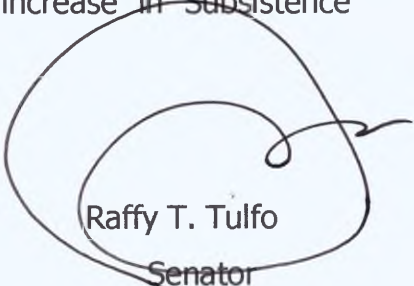
3 WHEREAS, it is high time that we recognize and honor the very vital roles
4 played by our soldiers and policemen by looking after their welfare and providing them
5 with decent and adequate compensation as well as reasonable and substantial
6 benefits;

7 WHEREAS, in line with the declared policy of the State to promote
8 professionalism in the AFP and PNP, and to provide adequate remuneration and
9 benefits to its members as a prime concern of the State, this joint resolution is a step
10 in this direction as it seeks to increase the Subsistence Allowance of military and police
11 personnel from one hundred fifty pesos (P150.00) to two hundred fifty pesos
12 (P250.00) per day;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the
14 Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled,
15 to increase the subsistence allowance of all officers and enlisted personnel of the PNP
16 and AFP from one hundred fifty pesos (P150.00) to two hundred fifty pesos (P250.00)
17 per day;

18 RESOLVED FURTHER, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Department of
19 National Defense in coordination with the AFP and the Department of Interior and
20 Local Government in coordination with the PNP shall promulgate and immediately
21 issue the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this
22 Resolution, and to carry out its proper implementation and shall allocate such amounts
23 as may be necessary for its implementation, which amounts shall be charged against
24 the savings of the DND and the DILG for the current year. Thereafter, the National
25 Government shall appropriate annually and include in the General Appropriate Act the
26 amount corresponding to the total annual cost of the increase in Subsistence
27 Allowance.

Adopted,



Raffy T. Tulfo
Senator