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Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon

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**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE  
PHILIPPINES FOR ITS VALIANT AND CONTINUING EFFORTS TO  
STAMP OUT TERRORISM IN THE PHILIPPINES IN EFFECT  
CONTRIBUTING TO THE CURBING OF WORLD TERRORISM**

**Whereas**, The 1987 Philippine Constitution states in Section 3, Article II that "...the Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory;"

**Whereas**, consistent with its Constitutional mandate, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) have announced through AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr. the successful series of military operations to extinguish terrorism in the country;

**Whereas**, military operations resulted in the demise of Abu Sayyaf Chieftain Khaddafy Janjalani whose remains were positively identified after extensive deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) tests confirmed the match of the DNA collected from the remains found buried in the jungles of Jolo on 27 December 2006 and the saliva sample taken from Hector Janjalani, Khaddafy's brother;

**Whereas**, the demise of the head of a terrorist group is a substantial step towards the weakening of terrorism in the country and a monument to the determination and drive of the AFP to protect the nation from internal and external threat;

**Whereas**, several young Filipino soldiers who were fresh graduates from the Philippine Military Academy sacrificed their lives at the altar of the fulfillment of their sworn duty to protect the nation;

**Whereas**, the sacrifices and deaths of our soldiers should not be in vain and must resonate as a serious stride towards establishing long-sought-after peace to facilitate true reform, sustained development and good governance in Mindanao;

**Whereas**, the concerted efforts and the supreme sacrifice of the dedicated soldiers of the AFP to seriously address terrorism in the country, in effect contributing to curbing world terrorism and establishing peace in Mindanao, must be recognized and commended.

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate commends the Armed Forces of the Philippines for its valiant and continuing efforts to stamp out terrorism in the Philippines, in effect contributing to the curbing of world terrorism.

Adopted,

  
RICHARD J. GORDON