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Introduced by Senator Juan Ponce Enrile

JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS TO INCREASE THE COMBAT DUTY PAY OF ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF PHILIPPINES (AFP) TO TWENTY—FIVE PER CENTUM (25%) OF THE BASE PAY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Whereas, The 1987 Constitution provides that the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is the protector of the people and the State and its mission is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory;

Whereas, The government is constitutionally-bound to promote professionalism in the Armed Forces and one effective way of realizing this is by providing adequate remuneration and benefits to its members;

Whereas, Members of the AFP are exposed to risks in the performance of their duty as a most of the AFP personnel at present are assigned or attached to units engaged in active combat operations, and are therefore exposed to hostile environment and are prone to physical injury among others;

Whereas, Many AFP personnel, while assigned to provide support only services to those other personnel in active combat duty are also exposed to adverse situations which may greatly affect their physical and psychological well-being;

Whereas, These brave men and women receive only a minimum of P180.00 to a maximum of P240.00 per month as combat duty pay, as authorized under Executive Order No 1017 dated March 22, 1985;



Whereas, This resolution was crafted to express the concern of the Legislature towards improving the welfare and living condition of the officers and enlisted personnel of the AFP as it intends to upgrade the present combat duty pay rate to 25% of the base pay of a Private and its equivalent in the Philippine Air Force and the Philippine Navy, subject to automatic adjustment in case of salary increases;

Whereas, This resolution will greatly enhance the morale and operational effectiveness of the AFP;

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1. To increase the combat duty pay of all officers and enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to twenty-five per centum (25%) of the base pay of a Private; and

2. Such amount as may be necessary to implement this joint resolution for the current year shall be charge to the savings of the Department of National Defense and to the General Appropriations Act for the succeeding years.

Adopted,

CL'ENRILL Senator