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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 226

Submitted jointly by the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance NOV 10 2008

Re: Joint Resolution No. 16

Recommending its approval in substitution of Joint Resolution Nos. 1 and 8, Senate Bill Nos. 751 and 1956.

Sponsors: Senators Biazon, Enrile, Trillanes IV and Revilla, Jr.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance to which were referred Joint Resolution No. 1, introduced by Senator Biazon, entitled:

**"JOINT RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS 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 AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

Joint Resolution No. 8, introduced by Senator Enrile, entitled:

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Senate Bill No. 751, introduced by Senator Trillanes IV, entitled:

**"AN ACT
INCREASING THE COMBAT DUTY PAY OF ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED
PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) FROM TWO
HUNDRED FORTY PESOS (P240.00) PER MONTH TO TWENTY-FIVE PER CENTUM
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and Senate Bill No. 1956, introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr., entitled:

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have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Joint Resolution No. 16, prepared by the Committees, entitled:


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THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) TO TWENTY-FIVE PER CENTUM
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be approved in substitution of Joint Resolution Nos. 1 and 8, Senate Bill Nos. 751 and 1956 with Senators Biazon, Enrile, Trillanes IV and Revilla, Jr. as authors.


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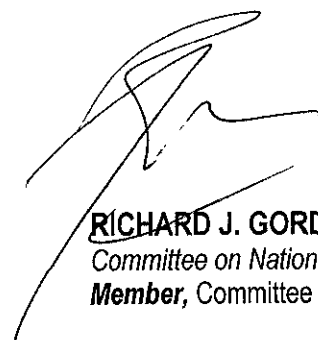
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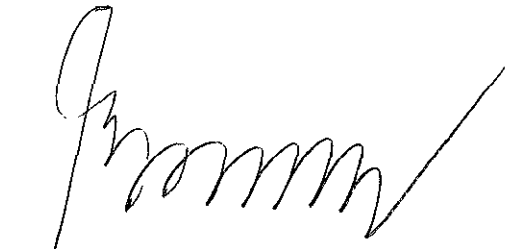
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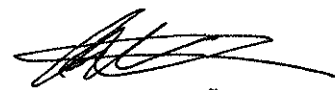
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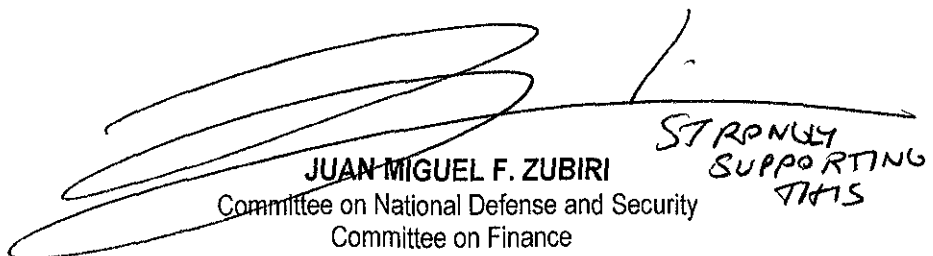
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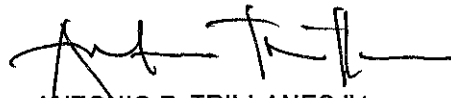
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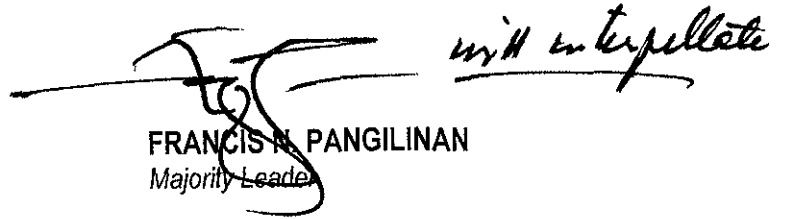
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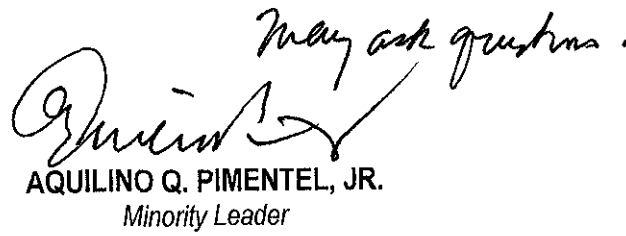
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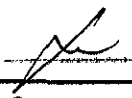
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JOINT RESOLUTION

TO INCREASE THE COMBAT DUTY PAY OF 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 PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

1 **Whereas**, The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is the protector of the people and
2 the State and its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national
3 territory;

4 **Whereas**, The Constitution further provides that "professionalism in the armed forces
5 and adequate remuneration and benefits of its members shall be a prime concern of the State; x
6 x x"

7 **Whereas**, Our soldiers in the AFP receive a measly P240.00 monthly combat duty pay,
8 a fact which is hardly an incentive to soldiers who meet with numerous perils at the risk of life
9 and limb in the performance of their task;

10 **Whereas**, The last increase thereon was effected more than 22 years ago, through
11 Executive Order No. 1017 dated 22 March 1985, thus only highlighting the need to upgrade said
12 allowance;

13 **Whereas**, The current national security situation necessitates a pro-active approach
14 while at the same time looking after the morale and welfare of those tasked with the protection
15 of our people and our institutions;

16 **Whereas**, This initiative is in reaffirmation with the Executive Department of the common
17 concern towards improving the welfare and living conditions of all officers and enlisted
18 personnel of the AFP; *Now, Therefore, Be It*

19 **Resolved**, by the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

20 1. To increase to twenty-five per centum (25%) of the base pay of a Private, the
21 combat duty pay of:

22 a) AFP personnel assigned to combat units who are engaged in combat operation
23 and/or security operations in counter-insurgency from brigade level or its equivalent

- 1 from the Philippine Air Force (PAF) and the Philippine Navy (PN) down to the
2 company or its equivalent to the other major service;
- 3 b) personnel engaged in crime prevention or suppression operations elsewhere in the
4 country; and
- 5 c) those providing security to the President of the Philippines and his/her family.

6 2. Such amount as may be necessary to implement this Joint Resolution for the current
7 year shall be charged to the savings of the Department of National Defense and to the General
8 Appropriations Act for the succeeding years.

9 3. Executive Order No. 658 issued on September 6, 2007 is hereby repealed.

10 Adopted,