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Introduced by SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO

**A RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED MALVERSATION OF FUNDS FOR THE 2007 BALIKATAN EXERCISES**

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Gadian, a Navy lieutenant came out in public and alleged that her superiors misused the fund intended for the 2007 edition of the annual Balikatan (shoulder-to-shoulder) war games;

**WHEREAS**, Lt. Gadian, claimed that of the reported P46 million provided by the Americans, only P2.3 million was released for Filipino troops;

**WHEREAS**, the said junior naval officer, then assistant chief of staff of Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom) civil-military operations, accused some top officials of AFP of squandering the fund;

**WHEREAS**, the accused top Westmincom generals have vehemently denied any wrongdoing and in fact, have turned the tables on Lt. Gadian and accused her of pocketing P2.3 million from the 2007 Balikatan Fund;


**WHEREAS**, Lt. Gadian is now in hiding and fears for her life because of her expose;

**WHEREAS**, there currently seems to be a trend by the present administration to disregard statements of "whistleblowers" and to silence them;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to secure the safety of Lt. Gadian to encourage the testimony of other witnesses for purposes of transparency and accountability;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the appropriate Senate Committee/s inquire, in aid of legislation, on the reported misuse of the Balikatan funds.

*Adopted,*

  
PIA S. CAYETANO  
Senator