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Introduced by **SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO**

A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE FOUR UNIFORMED MEN WHO SERVED AS HONOR GUARDS DURING THE FUNERAL PROCESSION OF THE LATE FORMER PRESIDENT CORAZON AQUINO

WHEREAS, four soldiers were specially selected from the elite honor guard units of the Philippine National Police, Philippine Army, Air Force and Navy, respectively, to serve as honor guards of the remains of the late former President Corazon Aquino during the funeral march from Manila Cathedral in Intramuros, Manila to Manila Memorial Park in Sucat, Paranaque;

WHEREAS, the four soldiers were PO1 Danilo Maalab Jr., Pfc. Antonio Cadiente, Airman 2nd Class Gener Laguindan, and Navy Petty Officer 3 Edgardo Rodriguez;

WHEREAS, at past 11am on 5 August 2009, the four honor guards ascended on the flat-bed truck while the late former President Aquino's casket was being boarded on the hearse from the Manila Cathedral;

WHEREAS, for almost nine hours, PO1 Maalab, Pfc. Cadiente, Airman 2nd Class Laguindan, and Navy Petty Officer 3 Rodriguez remained steadfast and standstill, in fulfillment of their duty, on top of the 10 wheeler - truck that carried the remains of the late former President Corazon Aquino;

WHEREAS, the four honor guards braved the weather - the heat of the sun, strong winds and heavy rains - without food, water or rest for the duration of the march;

WHEREAS, they were able to disembark from the truck only at past 8 pm upon reaching the Manila Memorial Park where the late former President Aquino was to be laid to rest;

WHEREAS, PO1 Maalab, Pfc. Cadiente, Airman 2nd Class Laguindan, and Navy Petty Officer 3 Rodriguez exhibited remarkable strength, inherent discipline and utmost dedication during the entire funeral procession from Manila Cathedral to Manila Memorial Park;

WHEREAS, the four honor guards outstandingly performed their simple but noble duty of guarding the casket as a means of paying tribute to the late former President Aquino who was an epitome of humility, selflessness and strength;

WHEREAS, one of the messages of the late former President Aquino was that there is no little job and that no good job is left unnoticed;

WHEREAS, these four honor guards exemplified the core values of a Filipino peace officer as well as the very essence of a true public servant;

WHEREAS, PO1 Maalab, Pfc. Cadiente, Airman 2nd Class Laguindan, and Navy Petty Officer 3 Rodriguez deserve recognition and commendation for a simple duty excellently executed;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines commend the four uniformed men who served as honor guards during the funeral procession of the late former President Corazon Aquino.

Adopted,


PIA S. CAYETANO
Senator