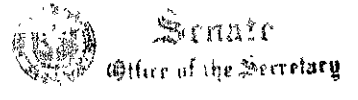


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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECRETARY MAR ROXAS, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SECRETARY VOLTAIRE GAZMIN, PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL LEONARDO ESPINA, ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES CHIEF OF STAFF LT. GEN. GREGORIO PIO CATAPANG JR., METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN ATTY. FRANCIS TOLENTINO, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE FIRST STATE AND PASTORAL VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ON JANUARY 15-19, 2015

WHEREAS, Pope Francis' visit to the Philippines on January 15-19, 2015 is the first state and pastoral visit of the pontiff to the country where he visited Manila, Tacloban City, and Palo, Leyte;

WHEREAS, the visit required the mobilization of our security forces in cooperation with national and local government agencies to ensure not only the Holy Father's security but as well as the welfare of the general public who came to participate in the different activities at several public venues;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Police took the lead role by deploying around 37,500 men and women while the military rallied up to 7,000 troops and 5,000 reservists as back up, and 11,000 barangay officials and 5,000 parishioners from Manila were tapped in three (3) main areas the pontiff visited;

WHEREAS, the proper and efficient coordination among Secretary Mar Roxas, Secretary Voltaire Gazmin, Deputy Director General Leonardo Espina, Lt. Gen. Gregorio Pio Catapang Jr., and Atty. Francis Tolentino ensured the success of the pontiff's visit;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines commends Department of Interior and Local Government Secretary Mar Roxas, Department of National Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin, Philippine National Police Officer-In-Charge Deputy Director General Leonardo Espina, Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gregorio Pio Catapang Jr., Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chairman Atty. Francis Tolentino and their respective departments and agencies for the success of the first state and pastoral visit to the Philippines of Pope Francis on January 15-19, 2015.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID