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**RESOLUTION**

**COMMENDING THE BRAVERY AND HEROISM OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AND HONORING THE FALLEN HEROES WHO DIED DEFENDING THE LIBERTY OF MARAWI CITY FOR THEIR VALIANT AND INVALUABLE SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution provides that “the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy”;

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 3 of the 1987 Constitution declares that “the Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory”;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 6975 established the Philippine National Police (PNP) to enforce all laws relative to the protection of lives and properties, maintain peace and order, and take all necessary steps to ensure public safety;

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2017, the clash between government forces and Daesh-inspired Maute-ISIS terrorist group in Marawi City, Lanao del Norte

led to the declaration of martial law in Mindanao by President Rodrigo Duterte;

**WHEREAS**, on July 22, 2017, Congress grants the request of President Rodrigo Duterte to extend martial law in Mindanao until the end of 2017;

**WHEREAS**, on October 16, 2017, Abu Sayyaf subleader Isnilon Hapilon and Maute Group leader Omar Maute were killed as troops assaulted enemy position;

**WHEREAS**, on October 17, 2017, President Rodrigo Duterte declared Marawi City free from terrorist influence;

**WHEREAS**, on October 23, 2017, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana announced the end to all combat operations against Maute terrorists after the military killed the last remaining local and foreign terrorists in the city;

**WHEREAS**, according to according to Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) spokesperson Major General Restituto Padilla, 163 soldiers and policemen gave their lives for the liberation of Marawi City;

**WHEREAS**, in the fight against terrorism, the AFP and PNP have successfully carried out their prime duty of addressing national security, protecting sovereignty and maintaining peace and order;

**WHEREAS**, the valiant efforts and the supreme sacrifice of our dedicated soldiers and officers of the AFP and PNP have undeniably contributed to curbing terrorism in the country and establishing peace in Mindanao, and therefore deserves the highest commendation;

**WHEREAS**, the sacrifices and deaths of our soldiers and police officers should be honored for their faithful discharge of service for the country and the Filipino people;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** to commend the bravery and heroism of the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine National Police; and honor the fallen heroes who died defending the liberty of Marawi City for their valiant and invaluable service to the country.

*Adopted,*



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