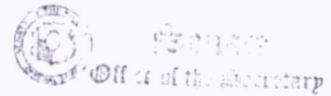


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Introduced by **SENATORS VICENTE C. SOTTO III, JUAN MIGUEL "MIGZ" F. ZUBIRI, GREGORIO B. HONASAN II, AND PANFILO "PING" M. LACSON**

RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE DISBANDMENT AND DEACTIVATION OF ALL LGU-SPONSORED PARAMILITARY PERSONNEL UNDER THE SPECIAL CAFGU ACTIVE AUXILIARY COMPANY (SCAAC) WITHIN THE AREA OF MINDANAO EFFECTIVE BEGINNING THE START OF FILING OF CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY (COC) UNTIL AFTER THE LIFTING OF ELECTION BAN DURING THE 2019 MID-TERM ELECTIONS, AND EVERY ELECTIONS THEREAFTER

WHEREAS, the activation of Special CAFGU Active Auxiliary Company (SCAAC) is allowed under the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered into by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the sponsoring Local Government Units (LGUs) to augment the regular security forces of the AFP securing vital facilities and installations;

WHEREAS, the activation of LGU-sponsored SCAAC proceeds from a valid justification of the existence of a threat and may be terminated when the security situation warrants or in the event of violation of the provisions of the CAA and the Memorandum of Agreement entered into by the AFP and the sponsoring LGU;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to ensure free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections and as such the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) may deputize the law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the Government, including the Armed Forces of the Philippines, to assist in carrying out the Commission's exclusive mandate;

WHEREAS, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections can only be attained if and when police, military and other armed groups (SCAAC) to be deployed during elections will not be compromised by the local executives and incumbent politicians to allow themselves to be used in terrorizing electorate as a way of gaining political advantage;

WHEREAS, with the advent of elections, the activation of SCAACs among LGUs in Mindanao is becoming popular; thus it raises an alarming concern given a common knowledge that politicians have the natural


tendency to resort to the use of goons, guns and gold in order to get advantage in an electoral contest;

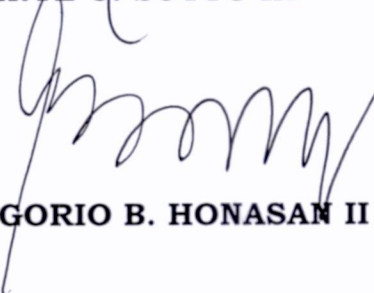
WHEREAS, the continued activation and deployment of all LGU-sponsored SCAACs during the period of elections poses more of a threat to the free exercise of democratic process rather than addressing security threat;

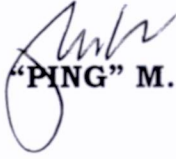
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to call for the disbandment and deactivation of all LGU-sponsored paramilitary personnel under the Special CAFGU Active Auxiliary Company (SCAAC) within the area of Mindanao effective beginning the start of the filing of certificate of candidacy until after the lifting of election ban during the 2019 mid-term elections, and every elections thereafter.

Adopted,


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