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Resolution No. _____

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Introduced by Senator M. A. Madrigal

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, AND IN THE NATIONAL
INTEREST, ON THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY IN THE SO-CALLED
"GLORIAGATE" SCANDAL

WHEREAS, Article XVI, Section 5(3), paragraph 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that no member of the military shall engage directly or indirectly in any partisan political activity, except to vote;

WHEREAS, last Friday, 10 June 2005, the former deputy director of the National Bureau of Investigation, Samuel Ong, came out in public and claimed that he holds an audio tape that purportedly has the President of the Republic of the Philippines, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, talking to an election official about fixing the last presidential election to gain a 1 million vote margin against her closest rival, Fernando Poe Jr., who subsequently died in December following a stroke;

WHEREAS, the audio tape, containing the alleged wiretapped conversations, was allegedly given to him by disgruntled military intelligence agents from the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP);

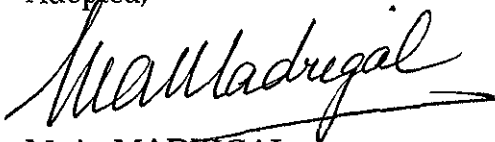
WHEREAS, the executive branch of government has denied the allegations of Samuel Ong saying that this is just a plot by the opposition to unseat President Arroyo;

WHEREAS, there is a need to ascertain and address the extent of military involvement in this scandal as well as to shed light to any partisan political activity that the military officials may have engaged themselves into in contravention of Article XVI, Section 5(3), paragraph 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution;

WHEREAS, this is a matter of the highest public concern affecting the national interest;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Committee on National Defense and Security to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, and in the national interest, the role of the military in the so-called "Gloriagate" scandal.

Adopted,


M. A. MADRIGAL