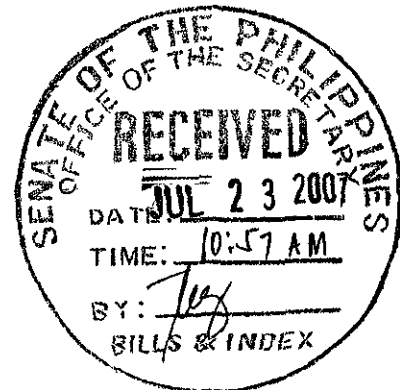


14th Congress of the Republic)
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P.S. Resolution No. 22
Senate



Introduced by Senators Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Benigno Simeon Aquino III, Rodolfo Biazon, Jamby Madrigal, Panfilo Lacson, Loren Legarda, Manuel Roxas III, Manny Villar, Jinggoy Estrada, Allan Peter A. Cayetano, Francis Escudero, Bong Revilla, Lito Lapid, Gringo Honasan & Pia S. Cayetano

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT SENATOR ANTONIO TRILLANES IV BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSIONS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS OF THE SENATE

WHEREAS, Senator Antonio Trillanes IV who was elected as such in the last senatorial elections by more than 12 million voters throughout the country;

WHEREAS, Senator Trillanes is under detention by military authorities for alleged involvement in the so-called Oakwood mutiny that took place in 2003;

WHEREAS, the charges against the alleged leader of the Oakwood mutiny, Sen. Gregorio Honasan, have been dropped by the Department of Justice;

WHEREAS, Senator Trillanes by his election has indubitably opted to pursue his grievances against the government in a peaceful manner;

WHEREAS, the possibility of flight by Senator Trillanes is remote if not impossible considering all circumstances;

WHEREAS, adequate measures may be adopted by the Senate and by the authorities of the armed forces under whose custody he has been placed to ensure that Senator Trillanes would stick to the performance of his duties as a senator if allowed to do so;

WHEREAS, the Senate as one of the three major branches of the government has the facilities and manpower to take Senator Trillanes into its custody and guarantee that the latter would be present when needed by the court or any other proper authority at any given time;

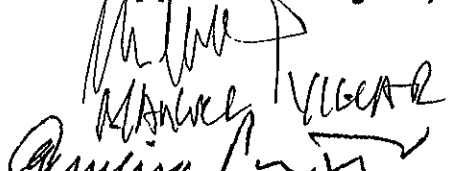
WHEREAS, the message of the overwhelming mandate of the electorate in the last senatorial election is that the people want the then Captain Trillanes to represent them and sit and perform the duties of a senator of the land;

WHEREAS, Senator Justiniano Montano of Cavite in the early '50s was placed in a similar predicament as Senator Trillanes when the former was charged for multiple murders and was placed under arrest. Multiple murders like the offense for which Senator Trillanes is charged was non-bailable. But the Supreme Court allowed him bail so that he could join the sessions of the Congress and perform his other duties as an elected senator of the land.

WHEREAS, the Senate recognizes that the Regional Trial Court of Makati has primary jurisdiction over the person of Senator Trillanes because the Oakwood mutiny case is pending therein;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved as the Senate hereby resolves to approve the foregoing Sense of the Senate Resolution to support the petition for bail of Senator Trillanes and for all concerned to allow Senator Trillanes to sit in the Senate and perform his duties as a senator of the land.

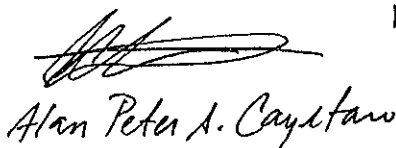
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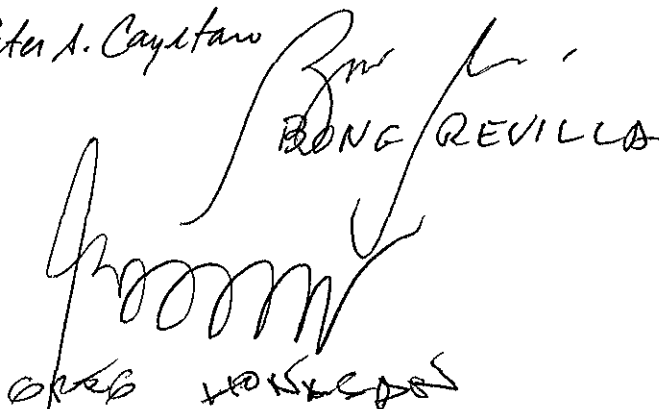

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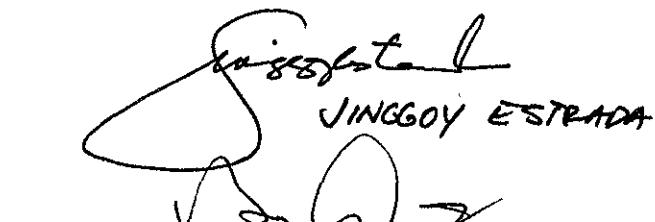

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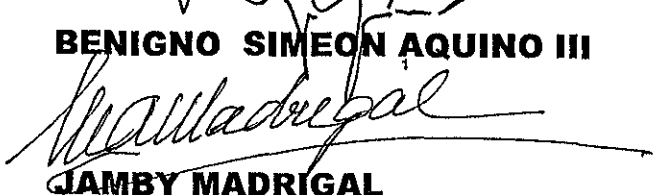

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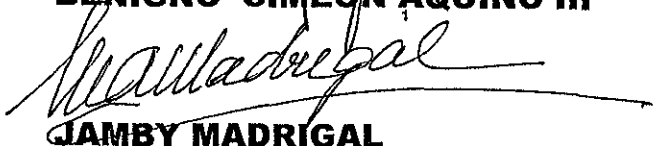

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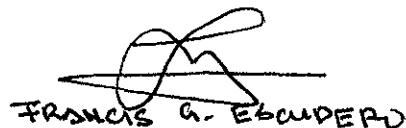

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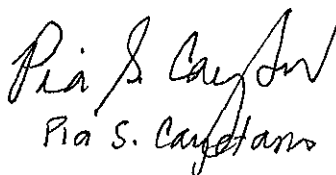

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