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Introduced by Senator Biazon

JOINT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS TO INCREASE THE COMBAT DUTY PAY OF ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) TO TWENTY-FIVE PER CENTUM (25%) OF THE BASE PAY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Whereas, The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is the protector of the people and the State and its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory;

Whereas, The Constitution further provides that "professionalism in the armed forces and adequate remuneration and benefits of its members shall be a prime concern of the State; x x x"

Whereas, Our soldiers in the AFP receive a measly P240.00 monthly combat duty pay, a fact which is hardly an incentive to soldiers who meet with numerous perils at the risk of life and limb in the performance of their task;

Whereas, The last increase thereon was effected more than 22 years ago, through Executive Order No. 1017 dated 22 March 1985, thus only highlighting the need to upgrade said allowance;

Whereas, The current national security situation necessitates a proactive approach while at the same time looking after the morale and welfare of those tasked with the protection of our people and our institutions;

Whereas, This initiative is in reaffirmation with the Executive Department of the common concern towards improving the welfare and living conditions of all officers and enlisted personnel of the AFP; *Now, Therefore, Be It*

Resolved, By the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

1. To increase the combat duty pay of all officers and enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to twenty-five per centum (25%) of the base pay; and
2. Such amount as may be necessary to implement this joint resolution for the current year shall be charged to the savings of the Department of National Defense and to the General Appropriations Act for the succeeding years.

Adopted,


RODOLFO G. BIAZON
Senator