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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED USE OF GAS RATION PRIVILEGES BY
RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP)

WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Retirement and Separation Benefits System (RSBS) was established under Presidential Decree No. 361 issued on 30 December 1973 to provide the funding scheme for the payment of retirement and separation benefits provided under existing laws to military personnel of the AFP;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1638 entitled, "Establishing A New System Of Retirement And Separation For Military Personnel Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines And For Other Purposes" was issued on 10 September 1979 to provide for the institutionalized benefits for retired AFP personnel;

WHEREAS, in 1998 the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee issued a report recommending the revision of the RSBS because of fundamental flaws found in its system; the Department of National Defense (DND) also recommended the deactivation of RSBS due to its failure to achieve its mandate;

WHEREAS, the RSBS was officially deactivated effective 31 December 2006 under Executive Order No. 590;

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 590, the DND was directed to complete a study and prepare for the establishment of a new retirement and pension system for military personnel;

WHEREAS, government efforts have been continuous in preserving the limited military resources;

WHEREAS, one of the benefits received by active members of the AFP and PNP is that they are given gas ration privileges for their official use;

WHEREAS, it should be made clear that the privilege of using gas ration coupons are not available to members of the AFP and PNP who are already retired from active service;


WHEREAS, there have been confidential reports that some retired AFP and PNP members are still using gas ration tickets;

WHEREAS, there have also been reports that these military personnel give away gas ration coupons to family, friends and even news reporters;

WHEREAS, there is a need to investigate this alleged practice by retired AFP and PNP members in availing gas ration coupons in order to help preserve the limited resources of the military and the government;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged use of gas ration privileges by retired members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Adopted,


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