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Introduced by Sen. Gregorio B. Honasan II

RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMITTEES ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO INQUIRE, LOOK INTO AND INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE GOVERNMENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY AS WELL AS THE PEACE AND ORDER SITUATION IN MINDANAO AMID THE CONTINUING HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY AND THE ABU SAYYAF RENEGADES IN THE PROVINCE OF BASILAN, WHERE A CONTINUING WAR MIGHT SPREAD THE TENSION NOT ONLY IN THE WHOLE REGION OF MINDANAO BUT WORSE IN THE ENTIRE ARCHIPELAGO

WHEREAS, last July 10, 2007; some four hundred (400) joint forces of the Abu Sayyaf and renegade group of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) ambushed and mutilated an outnumbered members of the Philippine Marines in Albarka Municipality formerly Tipo-tipo on Basilan Island;

WHEREAS, the government, in its alleged effort to neutralize the Abu Sayyaf, sends thousands of troops to Basilan for an offensive against the executors of the beheading of fourteen Marine operatives;

WHEREAS, it has been reported that successive combat encounters have been taking place since then in separate occasions in Jolo, Sulu and other parts of Mindanao that killed 26 more Marine soldiers and about 41 Abu Sayyaf and renegade members of the MNLF;

WHEREAS, during its recently perpetrated counter attack operation in the early morning of August 18, 2007; soldiers from the 64th Marine Force Reconnaissance Company pursued and raided the Abu Sayyaf to its Camp in Silangkum, Ungkaya Pukan for nine (9) hours of gun-battle that killed fifteen (15) marine soldiers including the number 9 top graduate of the Philippine Military Academy's Mandala Class of 2006;

WHEREAS, it has become evident that the continuous clash between the military forces of the government and the extremist group in Mindanao will not only risk the lives of more soldiers fighting in the battlefields but may likewise lead to an undue threat to the peace and order situation of the entire nation if the conflict will blow out of proportion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to urge the Committees on National Defense and Security and Public Order and Illegal

Drugs to inquire, look into and investigate in aid of legislation the government's national security policy as well as the peace and order situation in Mindanao amid the continuing hostilities between the Philippine military and the Abu Sayyaf renegades in the province of Basilan, where a continuing war might spread the tension not only in the whole region of Mindanao but worse in the entire archipelago.

ADOPTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregorio B. Honasan II', written in a cursive style.

GREGORIO B. HONASAN II
Senator