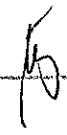


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**RESOLUTION
COMMENDING THE BRAVERY AND DEDICATION OF THE FALLEN
OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS IN THE BASILAN BATTLE**

WHEREAS, on 18 August 2007, five (5) officers, ten (10) enlisted men and one (1) Air Force pilot died in military raid on the Abu Sayyaf's camp in Ungkaya Pukan;

WHEREAS, the fallen officers and soldiers fought extremely hard until they were able to seize the Abu Sayyaf camp;

WHEREAS, they were very brave even in the face of death. It was reported that nobody moved back. Even when they were already wounded, they continued the assault against the extremists;

WHEREAS, the officers and soldires' display of unwavering gallantry is truly commendable. Their dedication to accomplish their mission prevailed over their self-interests and other concerns;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the fallen soldiers fought very hard until they were able to seize the Abu Sayyaf camp. In the face of danger they did not waver.

WHEREAS, killed were Lieutenants Ludwig Salvador, Jeffrey Leoveraz, Eugene Machise Pinera, Ermin Soloren and Roldan somera and Privates First Class Rodan Baroy, Reynaldo Pedroso, Peary simeros, Julius Jove Manuel Tayaban Jr., Danilo Vergara, Michael Aoigan, Ursolo Torres, Virgilio Domingo III and Eril Labares. The Air Force pilot was 2nd Lt. Claudio Odaondo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, to commend the bravery and dedication of officers and soldiers who lost their lives during a battle in Basilan in the service of the nation.

Adopted.


MANNY VILLAR
Senator