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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

RESOLUTION

CALLING ON THE SECRETARIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES REGARDING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE GRANT OF BENEFITS TO BARANGAY OFFICIALS

Whereas, Section 393 of the Local Government Code of 1991 delineates the benefits barangay officials are to receive including monthly allowance, Christmas bonus, matriculation fees for their dependent children and medical care;

Whereas, there are allegations from members of the Liga ng mga Barangay that mentioned benefits have not been received by all the incumbent barangay officials;

Whereas, Title Five, Book II of said Code appropriates the revenue collected from taxes, fees, and other charges due or accruing to the barangay for the provision of said benefits;

Whereas, difficulties faced by remote barangays in collecting levies from its constituents cause the delay in the distribution of said benefits to all concerned barangay officials;

Whereas, Republic Act 6942, An Act Increasing the Insurance Benefits of Local Government Officials, has also been enacted in 1990 to provide additional remuneration to local officials especially those in the barangay level;

Whereas, Section 6 of the said Act provides that the government shall "appropriate annually and include in the General Appropriations Act the total annual [insurance] premiums based on the actual number of local officials";

Whereas, pursuant to the said Act, the General Appropriations Act of 2008 has earmarked P32 million for the insurance premiums of local officials, including those in the barangay level;

Whereas, from the said allocation, no amount has apparently been received by the members of the Liga ng mga Barangays;

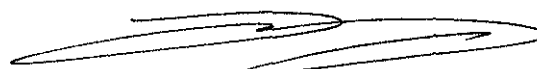
Whereas, there are apparent manifestations that despite the enactment of the abovementioned laws and the corresponding guidelines thereon, the appropriation of funds for the benefits of barangay officials hasn't been fully realized;

Whereas, it is incumbent upon Congress to ensure that barangay officials be afforded adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfilment, as guaranteed by the Local Government Code of 1991;

Whereas, it is incumbent upon the Department of Interior and Local Government and Department of Budget and Management to undertake efforts to resolve the issues brought up by the Liga ng mga Barangays with regard to funds allocated for benefits to barangay officials;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to call on the Secretaries of the Department of Interior and Local Government and Department of Budget and Management to address the issues regarding the appropriation of funds for the grant of benefits to barangay officials.

Adopted,



LOREN LEGARDA
Senator