

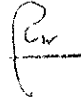
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Introduced by Sen. Antonio F. Trillanes IV

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING M/GEN. JOSE V. BALAJADIA, JR., AND THE OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (OSAA) OF THE SENATE FOR THEIR SWIFT AND DECISIVE ACTION AND THEIR CALM AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND DEMEANOR IN PREVENTING CHIEF JUSTICE RENATO C. CORONA FROM LEAVING THE SENATE PREMISES WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE IMPEACHMENT COURT, PREVENTING THE DISRUPTION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE IMPEACHMENT COURT AND UPHOLDING THE DIGNITY, AUTHORITY AND HONOR OF THE COURT AND THE SENATE AS AN INSTITUTION

WHEREAS, in the afternoon of 22 May 2012, Chief Justice Renato C. Corona, the respondent in the ongoing the Impeachment Trial at the Senate, appeared before the Impeachment Court to testify in his own defense;

WHEREAS, after being afforded the courtesy of reading his *opening statement* for almost three (3) hours, CJ Corona declared his desire to be excused and forthwith walked out of and left the trial without the permission of the Presiding Officer, Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile;

WHEREAS, because of this direct affront to the dignity and authority of the Impeachment Court, Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, as Presiding Officer of the Court, immediately ordered M/Gen. Jose V. Balajadia, Jr. (Ret.), Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, to lock down the Senate Building in order to prevent CJ Corona from leaving the Senate premises and further disrupting the proceedings of the Impeachment Court;

WHEREAS, in compliance with the order of the Presiding Officer of the Impeachment Court, the *Office of the Sergeant-At-Arms* sprang into action and closed all exits to implement the complete lockdown of the whole Senate building. M/Gen. Balajadia and other officers and personnel of the OSAA also went after CJ Corona and his party to prevent him from leaving the premises;

WHEREAS, M/Gen. Balajadia and the officers and personnel of the OSAA caught up with CJ and Mrs. Corona at the hallway near the Senator's Lounge leading directly to the Senate's parking area on the ground floor of the Senate Building, where the Chief Justice's vehicles were waiting with engines running. Despite of the persistence of CJ and Mrs. Corona and the security personnel accompanying them, M/Gen Balajadia and his men were able to calmly prevent CJ Corona and his party from

leaving the premises;

WHEREAS, the swift and decisive action of M/Gen. Balajadia and the officers and personnel of the OSAA on that day, 22 May 2012, in implementing the lockdown of the Senate Building and preventing Chief Justice Corona and his party from leaving the Senate premises without permission from the Impeachment Court has undoubtedly upheld the authority, dignity and honor of the Impeachment Court and prevented the further disruption of the Court's proceedings.

WHEREAS, the swift and decisive action and calm and professional conduct and demeanor of M/Gen. Balajadia and the officers and personnel of the OSAA on that day, 22 May 2012, are worthy of commendation and emulation and should be recognized by the Impeachment Court and by the Senate, as the institution they serve and represent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Senate to recognize and commend the swift and decisive action as well as the calm and professional conduct and demeanor of Gen. Balajadia and the officers and personnel of the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms (OSAA) of the Senate last 22 May 2012 in implementing the order to lockdown the Senate Building and preventing Chief Justice Renato C. Corona and his party from leaving the Senate premises without permission from the Impeachment Court which undoubtedly upheld the authority, dignity and honor of the Impeachment Court and prevented the further disruption of the Court's proceedings.

Adopted,


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Senator