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## SENATE P.S. Res. No. <u>872</u>

## INTRODUCED BY SENATOR VICENTE C. SOTTO III

## RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PNP AND PDEA FOR THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION ON THE MEGA SHABU LABORATORY IN MANDAUE CITY, CEBU AND THE CONVICTION OF ALL SUSPECTS INVOLVED THEREIN AND THUS, URGING THE DILG, NAPOLCOM AND PNP TO PROMOTE THE REMAINING SIX PNP OFFICERS IN RELATION THERETO

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2004, members of the PDEA VII, supervised by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) National Headquarters, supported by the PNP Anti-Illegal Drugs Special Operations Task Force (AIDSOTF), the PNP – Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), conducted a raid on a warehouse in Barangay Umapad, Mandaue City, Cebu. Aside from the main shabu lab in Barangay Umapad, two other support laboratories were likewise raided in Barangay Paknaan, Mandaue City, which was used for drying and in Barangay Looc to be used for packaging and distribution.

**WHEREAS,** arrested in this operation were eleven persons, nine of whom were foreign nationals, namely: Siew Kin Weng and Lien Kam Song (Malaysians), Lin Li Ku (Taiwanese), Boa Xiafu, Wu Tiaoyi, Tao Fei, Liu Bo and Simon Lao (Chinese). The rest were Filipino Chinese namely, Allan Yap Garcia and Joseph Yu, while the last was a Filipino named, Joseph Lopez.

**WHEREAS,** the shabu laboratory earned the title as the "Mega Shabu Lab" as 1.2 tons of shabu and essential chemicals were seized with nine foreign nationals. The financier, Calvin de Jesus Tan, was extradited from Hongkong to the Philippines on June 2005 and it is the only successful extradition in a drug case in Asia. The Legal Team that caused the extradition was composed of: Congressmen Antonio V. Cuenco and Roque Ablan Jr, Justice Undersecretary Ernesto L. Pineda, Atty. Jose Calida (now Solicitor General) and Atty. Clarence Paul V. Oaminal.

**WHEREAS,** the trial of the case took seven years and with the close monitoring of the undersigned, then Chairman of the Dangerous Drugs Board, the Regional Trial Court, Branch 28 of Mandaue City presided by Hon. Marilyn Lagura Yap convicted all the accused (except Simon Lao who was discharged after becoming a state witness) were convicted on February 24, 2012 and meted the penalty of life imprisonment.

**WHEREAS,** the members of the PNP assigned with the units that supported the PDEA were given meritorious promotions, however those detailed with the PDEA were not promoted, anchored on the policy of the agency at that time that the promotion would only be bestowed after conviction.

**WHEREAS,** of the more than twenty members of the PNP detailed with PDEA VII who surveilled, identified, raided and testified for the case and the dismantling of the shabu laboratory, only six remains active in the police service.

**WHEREAS,** this resolution, on behalf of a grateful nation, extends its gratitude and thanks for the heroism, dedication and perseverance of anti-drug warriors and the NAPOLCOM, DILG and PNP are respectfully urged to finally give the long overdue MERITORIOUS PROMOTION for the next higher rank, for these six police officers namely: PSUPT JOSEFINO D LIGAN, PSINSP JANELITO J MARQUEZ, PINSP EMINIANO S. LUMANCAS, SPO3 JUDE UDTOHAN, SPO2 REY ROBERT S. VILLARETE and PO3 JOSE ERWIN B. DUMAGUIT.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge the NAPOLCOM, DILG and PNP to finally give the long overdue MERITORIOUS PROMOTION for the next higher rank, for these deserving six police officers.

Adopted,