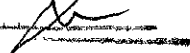


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**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE
MARINES WHO BRAVELY FOUGHT AND SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES, AS
WELL AS THOSE WOUNDED, IN TIPO-TIPO, BASILAN FOR THE SAFETY OF
OUR PEOPLE AND THE INTEGRITY OF OUR TERRITORY**

Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution states in Article II, Section 3 that "...the Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory;"

WHEREAS, consistent with its Constitutional mandate, on 11 July 2007, the Marines, in their efforts to search for and rescue kidnapped Italian priest Giancarlo Bossi at Tipo-Tipo, Basilan, were ambushed by members of the Moro-Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and Abu Sayyaf, resulting in the death of 14 marines with 10 of them beheaded and wounding several others;

WHEREAS, the ten-hour gun battle had 100 marines clash with 300 MILF militants backed by Abu Sayyaf fighters, where the marines fought bravely to counter the attack by the insurgents and to protect the civilian newsmen who documented their search;

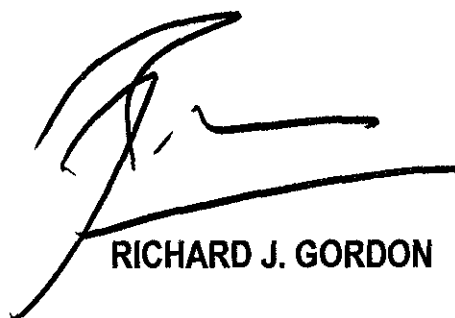
WHEREAS, the courage displayed by the marines, a monument to the dedication of the military to protect the people from internal and external threats, as reported by the newsmen who survived the encounter is deserving of the highest regard and acknowledgment from this chamber on behalf of the Filipino people; and

WHEREAS, the concerted efforts and the supreme sacrifice of the marines to seriously address terrorism in the country, in effect contributing to

curbing world terrorism and establishing peace in Mindanao, must be recognized and commended. Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, as it is hereby resolved, to commend for their patriotism, valor and courage in the line of duty, the members of the Philippine Marines who bravely fought and sacrificed their lives, as well as those wounded, in Tipo-Tipo, Basilan for the protection and safety of our people and the integrity of our territory.

Adopted,



RICHARD J. GORDON