



SENATE
P. S. NO. 173

Introduced by Hon. Antonio F. Trillanes IV

A RESOLUTION

HONORING THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE NAVAL SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP, OR NAVSOG, OF THE PHILIPPINE NAVY, NAMELY GUNNERSMATE THIRD CLASS JAY SOGUITAN, FIREMAN FIRST CLASS MACHINERY REPAIRMAN MICHAEL ABRIO, SEAMAN SECOND CLASS QUARTERMASTER RUEL PERALTA, AND SEAMAN SECOND CLASS RADARMAN JOE VINCENT PRESTOZA, WHO WERE KILLED IN ACTION DURING AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE ABU SAYYAF ON OCTOBER 1, 2007 IN LANJIL ISLAND, BASILAN

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2007, soldiers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, specifically members of the Philippine Naval's Special Operations Group, or NAVSOG, had an encounter with pirates and lawless elements later on identified as an Abu Sayyaf Group led by Abdulrajak Sadikal in Lanjil Island off the northeast coast of Basilan, resulting to the death of four members of the NAVSOG, namely, Gunnersmate Third Class Jay Soguitan, Fireman First Class Machinery Repairman Michael Abrio, Seaman Second Class Quartermaster Ruel Peralta, and Seaman Second Class Radarman Joe Vincent Prestoza;

WHEREAS, the NAVSOG is considered the elite force of the Philippine Navy and the equivalent of the US Navy Seals;

WHEREAS, the slain NAVSOG members have been honoured posthumously by the Armed Forces of the Philippines with the Gold Cross Medal, the third highest award in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) after the Medal of Valor and the Distinguished Conduct Star;

WHEREAS, these young soldiers have demonstrated their bravery and gallantry in action and have laid down their lives in the line of duty and in defense of our flag and our country and deserve the eternal gratitude of our people and our proud nation;

WHEREAS, the Senate recognizes and honors the death of the four NAVSOG soldiers as heroic, contributing to the strengthening and protection of our freedoms and sovereignty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the **SENATE** of the **REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES** to:

HONOR and express eternal gratitude of our people and our nation to the following members of the Naval Special Operations Group who perished in the line of duty during an encounter with the Abu Sayyaf on October 1, 2007 in Lanjil Island, Basilan:

1. Gunnersmate Third Class Jay Soguitan
2. Fireman First Class Machinery Repairman Michael Abrio
3. Seaman Second Class Quartermaster Ruel Peralta
4. Seaman Second Class Radarman Joe Vincent Prestoza

ADOPTED:


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Senator