

Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
**Senate**  
Pasay City

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RESOLUTION No. 3

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT SENATOR ANTONIO TRILLANES IV BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSIONS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS OF THE SENATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULE OF LAW

WHEREAS, Senator Antonio Trillanes IV was elected as such in the last senatorial elections by more than 12 million voters throughout the country;

WHEREAS, Senator Trillanes is under detention by military authorities for alleged involvement in the so-called Oakwood mutiny that took place in 2003;

WHEREAS, Senator Trillanes by his election has indubitably opted to pursue his grievances against the government in a peaceful manner;

WHEREAS, the possibility of flight by Senator Trillanes is remote if not impossible considering all circumstances;

WHEREAS, adequate measures may be adopted by the Senate and by the authorities of the armed forces under whose custody he has been placed to ensure that Senator Trillanes would stick to the performance of his duties as a senator if allowed to do so;

WHEREAS, the Senate as one of the three major branches of the government has the facilities and manpower to take Senator Trillanes into its custody and guarantee that he would be present when needed by the court or any other proper authority at any given time;

WHEREAS, the message of the overwhelming mandate of the electorate in the last senatorial election is that the people want the then Captain Trillanes to represent them and sit and perform the duties of a senator of the land;

WHEREAS, Senator Justiniano Montano of Cavite in the early '50s was placed in a similar predicament as Senator Trillanes when the former was charged with multiple murders and was placed under arrest. Multiple murder, like the offense with which Senator Trillanes is charged, is non-bailable. But the Supreme Court allowed Senator Montano bail so that he could join the sessions of the Congress and perform his other duties as an elected senator of the land;

WHEREAS, the Senate recognizes that the Regional Trial Court of Makati has primary jurisdiction over the person of Senator Trillanes because the Oakwood mutiny case is pending therein: Now, therefore, be it

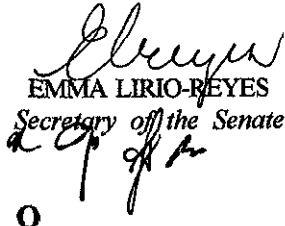
*Resolved, as the Senate hereby resolves, To approve the foregoing Sense of the Senate Resolution for all concerned to allow Senator Trillanes to perform his duties as a senator of the land in accordance with the rule of law.*

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 25, 2007.



EMMA LIRIO-REYES  
*Secretary of the Senate*

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