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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

On January 25, 2015, the death of 44 members of the Philippine National Police's Special Action Force (SAF) in the "Oplan Exodus," or the mission against international terrorist Zulkifli Abdhir or "Marwan" in Mamasapano, Province of Maguindanao enraged the whole nation. They were killed in a 12-hour firefight with two Muslim rebel groups. What was supposed to be a flawless operation turned out to be the single deadliest raid in the history of SAF and the Philippine National Police.

The 44 members of SAF were among the best of the Philippine National Police (PNP), an elite force trained for counter-terrorism, hostage-rescue, and even disaster response. They were veterans of the 2013 Zamboanga siege and skilled operators in the conflict-torn provinces of Zamboanga, Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi. Many of them were decorated young policemen, according to the records of the PNP SAF.

The death of the SAF 44 should not be put to naught. The entire Filipino nation ought to remember the day they lost their lives in service to the country and in furtherance of peace.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 25 OF EVERY YEAR  
AS A NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING TO REMEMBER THE LIVES OF THE  
FALLEN SPECIAL ACTION FORCE (SAF) 44 WHO DIED IN MAMASAPANO,  
MAGUINDANAO**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** January 25 of every year is hereby declared as a National Day of Mourning.

**SECTION 2.** As a National Day of Mourning, the entire Philippines shall dedicate January 25 of every year to remember the lives, bravery and heroic act of the Fallen SAF 44 who died in Masasapano, Maguindanao on January 25, 2015.

**SECTION 3.** The lives of the following members of the Fallen SAF 44 shall always be remembered and commemorated on the National Day of Mourning every January 25 of every year: 1.) Sr. Insp. Ryan P. Pabalinas; 2.) Sr. Insp. John Garry A. Erana; 3.) Sr. Insp. Max Jim R. Tria; 4.) Sr. Insp. Cyrus P. Anniban; 5.) Sr. Insp. Gednat G. Tabdi; 6.) Insp. Joey S. Gamutan; 7.) Insp. Rennie Tayrus; 8.) SPO1 Lover L. Inocencio; 9.) Rodrigo F. Acob, Jr.; 10.) PO3 Virgel S. Villanueva; 11.) PO3 Andres V. Duque; 12.) PO3 Vitoriano N. Acain; 13.) PO3 Noel O. Golocan; 14.) PO3 Junrel N. Kibete; 15.) PO3 Jed-In A. Asjali 16.) PO3 Robert D. Aliaga; 17.) PO3 John Lloyd R. Sumbilla; 18.) PO2 Amman M. Esmulla; 19.) PO2 Peterson I. Carap; 20.) PO2 Roger C. Cordero; 21.) PO2 Nicky DC Nacino, Jr., 22.) PO2 Glenn B. Badua; 23.) PO2 Chum G. Agabon; 24.) PO2 Richelle S. Baluga; 25.) PO2 Noel N. Balaca; 26.) PO2 Joel B. Dulnuan; 27.) PO2 Godofredo B. Cabanlet; 28.) PO2 Franklin C. Danao; 29.) PO2 Walner F. Danao; 30.) PO2 Jerry Dailay Kayob; 31.) PO2 Noble S. Kiangan; 32.) PO2 Ephraim G. Mejia; 33.) PO2 Omar A. Nacionales; 34.) PO2 Rodel E. Ramacula; 35.) PO2 Romeo V. Senin II; 36.) PO1 Russel B. Bilog; 37.) PO1 Angel C. Kodiamat; 38.) PO1 Windell L. Candano; 39.) PO1 Loreto G. Capinding; 40.) PO1 Gringo C. Cayang-o 41.) PO1 Romeo C. Cempron; 42.) PO1 Mark Lory O. Clemencio; 43.) PO1 Joseph Sagonoy; and 44.) PO1 Oliebeth L. Viernes.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

*Approved,*