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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 626

Introduced by Representatives **GARY C. ALEJANO, ROMEO M. ACOP, LEOPOLDO N. BATAOIL, AMADO T. ESPINO, JR., and RAUL "BOBOY" C. TUPAS, JR.**

A RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE ALL MILITARY AND POLICE PERSONNEL WITH PENDING CASES IN COURT OR WERE CONVICTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR MANDATED DUTIES UNDERTAKEN UNDER INTERNAL SECURITY OPERATIONS (ISO), AS A RECIPROCAL ACTION FOR THE RELEASE OF 20 NDF CONSULTANTS AND THE IMPENDING RELEASE OF MORE CPP-NPA-NDF PRISONERS AS PART OF THE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES OF THE ONGOING GRP-NDF PEACE TALKS

WHEREAS, after the failed attempts at peace for the past three decades and under five Philippine presidents, the government of President Rodrigo Duterte is now back at the peace negotiation table with the CPP-NPA-NDF (CNN);

WHEREAS, over 40 rounds of talks have been held in the past, but snagged on contentious issues such as the CNNs inclusion in the terrorist lists, and more importantly, on the release of CNN prisoners;

WHEREAS, the government had already released over 1,300 CNN prisoners in the past and about 20 agreements had been signed and yet, no final peace settlement had been agreed upon;

WHEREAS, the CNN has demanded for a general amnesty proclamation to cover the remaining 434 currently detained members of the CNN due to various charges and sentences;

WHEREAS, the government has already released 20 CNN consultants as a sign of good faith and was covered by the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG), which guarantees them safe conduct pass as part of the peace talks between the government and the CNN;

WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police are constitutional bodies mandated to protect the people and the state, and in order to maintain discipline within its rank, acts promptly on their own initiative or on complaints filed against military and police personnel by any person, both natural and juridical, including those endorsed or forwarded to it by the Office of the Ombudsman or any agency of the government;

WHEREAS, both the Armed Forces of the Philippines personnel and the Philippine National Police personnel often face trumped-up charges against them as a means of retribution by the CNN through their legal fronts;

WHEREAS, such trumped-up charges lowers the morale and efficiency of our soldiers and policemen and imposes undue hardships on their families;

WHEREAS, there are military and police personnel who are languishing in jail or has pending cases as a result of such sinister tactic;

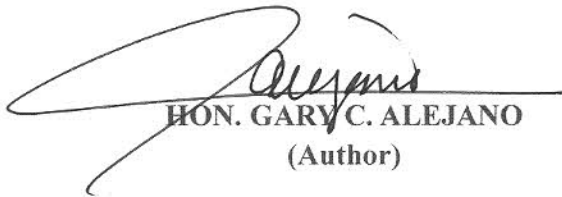
WHEREAS, as a result of this unfair and unequal treatment of military and police personnel accused of a crime or an offence vis-à-vis the CNN detainees, the career of the said accused military and police personnel are inevitable ruined as they were painted as violators of the laws of the land;

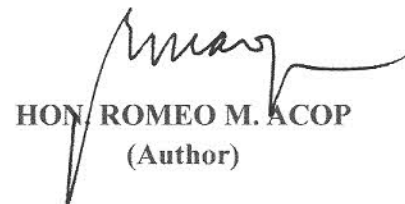
WHEREAS, we strongly condemn such shame tactic and retribution against our military and police personnel;

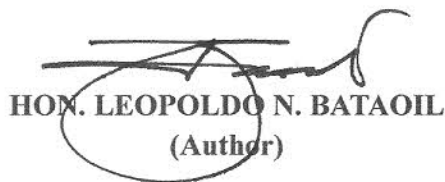
WHEREAS, we strongly urge President Rodrigo R. Duterte to afford the same opportunity and privilege as that of those who were released members of the CNN as requested by the same as part of the ongoing peace talks;

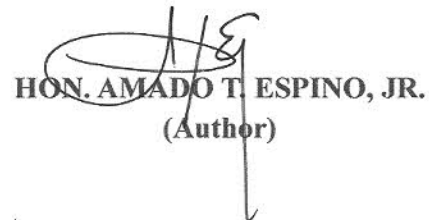
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives of the Philippines to adopt this resolution, strongly urging president Rodrigo R. Duterte to immediately release all military and police personnel with pending cases in court or were convicted in the performance of their mandated duties undertaken under Internal Security Operations (ISO), as a reciprocal action for the release of 20 NDF consultants and the impending release of more CNN prisoners as part of the confidence-building measures of the ongoing GRP-NDF peace talks.


Adopted,


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