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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1426

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE LEONARDO L. BABASA, JR.

A RESOLUTION
COMMENDING THE TROOPERS OF THE 547TH ENGINEER BATTALION,
PHILIPPINE ARMY FOR THEIR VALUABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROMOTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PEACE
AND INTERNAL STABILITY IN WESTERN MINDANAO

WHEREAS, the mission of the 547th Engineer “Agila” Battalion is to
undertake engineer support operations in order to contribute to the internal
stability in their area of coverage, and to conduct disaster response operations
during disasters and calamities in support to Local Government Units;

WHEREAS, the area of coverage of the “Agila” troopers of the 547th
Engineer Battalion includes the provinces of Zamboanga del Sur, Misamis
Occidental and Lanao del Norte;

WHEREAS, in securing the land, one of the notable achievements of the
Agila troopers is during the Marawi City siege by the Maute Terrorist Group,
by providing the ground operating troops with engineer and combat support;

WHEREAS, through the resourcefulness and ingenuity of the gallant Agila
troopers, they were able to improvise much needed military hardware dubbed
as “Optimus Prime”, a retrofitted construction dozer that protected ground
troops from direct enemy fires and improvised explosive devices in their
pursuit of clearing the main battle ground in Marawi City;

WHEREAS, the battalion took a direct part in the rehabilitation of the
embattled Marawi City by constructing in different phases the Bahay Pag-Asa,
the immediate shelter and accommodation with necessary amenities for the
affected families therein;

WHEREAS, as part of its Civil-Military Operations program, the battalion
continuously supports community-initiated projects by providing manpower
and/or equipment support to requesting entities which is in consonance with
the thrust of the command to maintain good rapport and enhance its
relationship with the community;
WHEREAS, among the completed projects under this program includes construction and/or repair of various covered courts, barangay halls and school buildings in different municipalities within their area of coverage;

WHEREAS, in its fight to end local communist and armed conflict within their area of coverage and in partnership with local government units, the battalion undertook the opening of several road networks to provide high-speed avenues for the delivery of basic and government services;

WHEREAS, these achievements are by-product of exemplary performance of every trooper through the guidance and leadership of their Battalion Commander COL. Emerito D. Pineda GSC (CE) PA;

WHEREAS, the Filipino People, through their elected Representatives, would like to convey their sincerest gratitude to the Agila troopers of the 547th Engineer Battalion of the Philippine Army for doing their mandate, truly a manifestation of their motto “serving the people, securing the land”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives of the Philippines, to commend the 547th Engineer Battalion of the Philippine Army for its achievements and contributions to the promotion and maintenance of peace and internal stability in Western Mindanao.

ADOPTED,

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