A resolution strongly urging the House of Representatives to further increase the funds to be appropriated to the Philippine Coast Guard ("PCG") for Fiscal Year 2022 to allow it to procure planes.

Introduced by Representative FRANCISCO JOSE "BINGO" F. MATUGAS II

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2021, undersigned filed House Resolution No. 2245 urging the House of Representatives to increase the budget of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) for FY 2022 in order for it to procure water assets essential in enhancing the PCG’s administrative and operational capability;

WHEREAS, one of the important functions of the PCG is maritime security which it fulfills by conducting regular patrols and surveillance for the safety of navigation of ships, to safeguard ships from illegal acts and to promote freedom of navigation;¹

WHEREAS, the PCG is also the national maritime search and rescue service of the country, where the Coast Guard Action Center (CGAC) at the PCG Headquarters in Manila, by virtue of the current functions and facilities, serves as the coordinating centers for all search and rescue operations;²

WHEREAS, not only does the PCG require water assets in order to fulfill the foregoing functions. It will also need planes to be used for patrolling the country’s maritime domain and in transporting responders and relief goods during disasters;

¹ https://coastguard.gov.ph/index.php/transparency/functions/marsec
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives is urged to further increase the funds to be appropriated to the PCG for Fiscal Year 2022 by 2,400,000,000.00 to be used for the acquisition of three (3) planes.

Adopted,

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