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Committee Report No. 1351

Submitted by the Committee on National Defense and Security on November 29, 2021

Re: House Resolution No. 2384

Recommending its adoption in substitution to House Resolution No. 1426


Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on National Defense and Security, to which was referred House Resolution No. 1426 introduced by Representatives Leonardo L. Babasa Jr. and Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, entitled:

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

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 2384, entitled:

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE TROOPERS OF THE 547th ENGINEER BATTALION, PHILIPPINE ARMY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF BATTALION COMMANDER COL. EMERITO D. PINEDA GSC (CE) PA FOR THEIR VALUABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROMOTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN WESTERN MINDANAO

Respectfully submitted:

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Chairperson
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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
House of Representatives
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WHEREAS, the mission of the 547th Engineer “Agila” Battalion is to undertake engineering 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 area, one of the notable achievements of the Agila troopers was during the Marawi City siege by the Maute Terrorist Group, when it provided the ground operating troops with engineer and combat support;

WHEREAS, with resourcefulness and ingenuity, the gallant “Agila” troopers, improvised much needed military hardware dubbed as “Optimus Prime”, a retrofitted construction dozer that protected ground troops from direct enemy fire, and explosive devices used in 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 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, the completed projects under this program includes the construction and repair of various covered courts, barangay halls and school buildings in different municipalities within the battalion’s area of coverage;

WHEREAS, in the fight to end local communist and armed conflict within its 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-products of the exemplary performance of every trooper through the guidance and leadership of 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 fulfilling their mandate, truly a manifestation of their motto “serving the people, securing the land”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Philippines, to commend the troopers of the 547th Engineer Battalion of the Philippine Army under the leadership of Battalion Commander Col. Emerito D. Pineda GSC (CE) PA for their valuable achievements and contribution to the promotion and maintenance of peace and stability in Western Mindanao.

Adopted,