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SENATE P.S. Res. No. 229

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Introduced by SENATOR LACSON

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND EXALTING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM OF THE LATE POLICE SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT JASON JANOG MAGNO WHOSE SELFLESS ACT OF SACRIFICING HIS OWN LIFE BY SHIELDING WITH HIS OWN BODY A LOBBED GRENADE SAVED THE LIVES OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN INITAO COLLEGE, MISAMIS ORIENTAL

Whereas, Section 5 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.";

Whereas, Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the Department of Interior and Local Government Act of 1990 was enacted, establishing the Philippine National Police (PNP) to ensure the public safety and the general welfare of the people:

Whereas, on November 28, 2019, a certain Ibrahim Ampaso Basher, with a knife and hand grenade at hand, ran amok at Initao College in Misamis Oriental and endangered the lives of the students and people in the area;

Whereas, among the first responders to the incident were Police Senior Master Sergeant Jason J. Magno, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialist of the PNP and Police Master Sergeant Alice Balido, both from the Initao Police Station in Misamis Oriental;

Whereas, it was reported that upon arriving at the campus of the Initao College, Senior Master Sergeant Magno and Master Sergeant Balido approached Mr. Basher and tried to subdue him but the latter instead pulled the grenade's pin and threw it at them;

Whereas, taking into account the present situation and in order to save the lives of the people around him, Police Senior Master Sergeant Jason J. Magno instinctively covered the grenade with his own body before it exploded which resulted in his instantaneous death, making the ultimate sacrifice in the fulfillment of his sworn duty and the PNP's credo "to serve and protect";

Whereas, reports state that not less than ten (10) people were injured because of the incident, but no other lives were lost due to the heroic act of Police Senior Master Sergeant Jason J. Magno. Had it not been for his bravery, heroism, and instinct to save lives, students, teachers, as well as his fellow policemen would have perished on that fateful day;

Whereas, Police Senior Master Sergeant Jason J. Magno was born on February 15, 1973 in Initao, Misamis Oriental and was a graduate of Bukidnon State College. He entered the police force in 2000 and received various medals from the PNP such as the Medalya ng Kagalingan, Medalya ng Kasanayan, Medalya ng Papuri, Medalya ng Paglilingkod sa Mindanao, and Medalya ng Paglaban sa Manliligalig;

Whereas, PNP Officer-In-Charge, Police Lieutenant General Archie Francisco Gamboa recently awarded posthumously the *Medalya ng Katapangan* to Police Senior Master Sergeant Jason J. Magno for his bravery and gallantry;

Whereas, Police Senior Master Sergeant Jason J. Magno acted with conspicuous deed of personal bravery and self-sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty in offering his own life to save the lives of others;

Whereas, this selfless act of Police Master Sergeant Jason Magno should be emulated and recognized not only by the Philippine National Police but by the entire country; *NOW*, *THEREFORE*, *BE IT RESOLVED*,

AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate, to honor and commend the late Police Senior Master Sergeant Jason Janog Magno for his extraordinary bravery, heroism, and instinct to protect and save the lives of his fellow men at the cost of his own in furtherance of his sworn duty to serve and to protect.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be furnished the family of the late Police Senior Master Sergeant Jason Janog Magno.

Adopted,

PANFILO M. LACSON Senator