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Introduced by **MAGDALO Party List Representative**
HON. GARY C. ALEJANO

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND WELFARE TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8220 IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE ALLEGED DISCREPANCIES IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THE COMPUTATION OF THE PENSION OF OUR RETIRED CHIEF MASTER SERGEANTS (CMS) AND SENIOR MASTER SERGEANTS

WHEREAS, on October 9, 1996, Republic Act No. 8220 entitled, "An Act Creating the Ranks of Chief Master Sergeant/Master Chief Petty Officer and Senior Master Sergeant/Senior Chief Petty Officer in the Enlisted Ranks of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes", was enacted to law;

WHEREAS, the law effectively created the ranks of Chief Master Sergeant/ Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9) and Senior Master Sergeant/ Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8) in the non-commissioned officers' grades of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP);

WHEREAS, the ranks of Chief Master Sergeant/ Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9) and Senior Master Sergeant/ Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8) were created to provide career development and promotion to the rank of Master Sergeant who, with the absence of the newly created ranks, may be forced to remain in the service for a long period of time under the same rank;

WHEREAS, the enactment of RA 8022 also provided for the *Retirement and Separation* in Section 6 of the Act which states, "*The enlisted personnel who attain the rank of Master Sergeant/Chief Petty Officer, Senior Master Sergeant/Senior Chief Petty Officer and of Chief Master Sergeant/Master Chief Petty Officer shall, upon retirement, be entitled to the retirement pay and benefits of a Second Lieutenant/Ensign: Provided, That a Chief Master Sergeant/Master Chief Petty Officer retired from the AFP, shall receive a gratuity equivalent to that of a Second Lieutenant/ Ensign, plus one-half (1/2) of the difference between the gratuity of a Second*

Lieutenant/Ensign and a Master Sergeant/Chief Petty Officer, and a Senior Master Sergeant/Senior Chief Petty Officer shall receive a gratuity equivalent to that of a Second Lieutenant/ Ensign, plus one-half (1/2) of the difference between the gratuity of a Chief Master Sergeant/Master Chief Petty Officer and a Master Sergeant/Chief Petty Officer, payable in one lump sum.”;

WHEREAS, a group of retired Chief Master Sgts (CMS) and Senior Master Sgts (SMS) approached the office of the authors questioning the basis of computation made by the AFP in relation with their implementation of RA No. 8220 and PD 1638;

WHEREAS, the retired CMS and SMS cited discrepancies in the pension that they are receiving after they have observed that there are retirees who have the same rank and length of service as them but are receiving higher pensions;

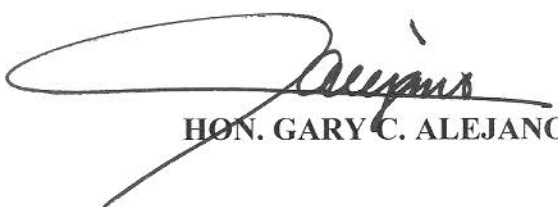
WHEREAS, the inconsistencies observed by our retirees with regard their pension impairs the essence of the law in providing adequate and just remuneration and benefits to the retired CMS and SMS;

WHEREAS, there is a need for members of the House of Representatives to revisit the provisions of Republic Act No. 8220 to provide for the correct interpretation of the Act particularly with regard Retirement and Separation to avoid the incidence of discrepancies in the amount of pension being received by retirees who have the same rank and length of service;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the House Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare to conduct an investigate review on the provisions of RA 8220 to identify the sources of the reported discrepancies to ensure that our retirees are given adequate care and benefits;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives of the Philippines, to direct the House Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare to conduct a review of Republic Act No. 8220 in order to resolve the alleged discrepancies in the interpretation of the computation of the pension of our retired Chief Master Sergeant (CMS) and Senior Master Sergeants.

Adopted,


HON. GARY C. ALEJANO