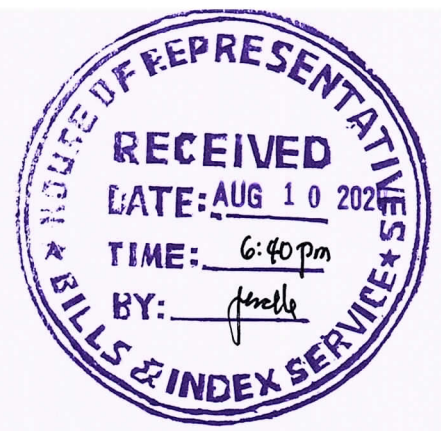


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Introduced by Honorable Deogracias Victor 'DV' B. Savellano

RESOLUTION

FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ENJOIN THE PHILIPPINE COASTGUARD TO INITIATE FORTHRIGHT RESPONSE TO THE CONTINUOUS ENCROACHMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED FOREIGN VESSELS EXPLOITING RESOURCES WITHIN THE WEST PHILIPPINES SEA, AS WELL AS, IMPEDING HARASSMENTS AND SUPPRESSING THREATS OR REPRISALS THEREIN .

WHEREAS, Article I of the Constitution clearly states that, "The national territory comprises the Philippine archipelago, with all the islands and waters embraced therein, and all other territories over which the Philippines has *SOVEREIGNTY OR JURISDICTION* (italics mine), consisting of its terrestrial, fluvial, and aerial domains, including its territorial sea, the seabed, the subsoil, the insular shelves, and other submarine areas. The waters around, between, and connecting the islands of the archipelago, regardless of their breadth and dimensions, form part of the internal waters of the Philippines.";

WHEREAS, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), is a uniformed armed service mandated to protect and preserve the country's territorial integrity, national patrimony and sovereignty thru performing maritime search and rescue, maritime law enforcement, maritime safety, maritime environmental protection and maritime security;

WHEREAS, the PCG implements and enforces all national and international maritime affairs in support of the integrated Maritime Transportation Network objectives, national security and economic development of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the territorial dispute between China and the Philippines over the West Philippine Sea has caused a global ocean crisis leading to environmental damage and waste;

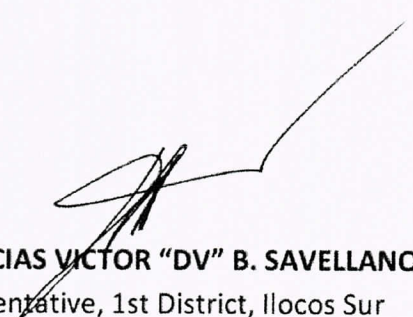
WHEREAS, the uncontrolled overfishing, blasting of coral reefs and illegal harvests of endangered species deplete the fisheries of the sea. Oil sludge and discharges foul the water's surface while on the margins, the unregulated industrialization and urbanization bring floods of toxic effluent runoff;

WHEREAS, the ruling laid down by the United Nations Arbitral Tribunal is that the Philippines has exclusive sovereign rights over the West Philippine Sea and that China's "nine-dash line" is invalid;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the development plan of President Duterte in preserving the Philippines' marine biodiversity, the PCG should be relentless against intrusions prejudicial to maritime waters and its personnel should be vigilant in their assignment to outposts in the Philippine Sea;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO ENJOIN THE PHILIPPINE COASTGUARD TO INITIATE FORTHRIGHT RESPONSE TO THE CONTINUOUS ENCROACHMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED FOREIGN VESSELS EXPLOITING RESOURCES WITHIN THE WEST PHILIPPINES SEA, AS WELL AS, IMPEDING HARASSMENTS AND SUPPRESSING THREATS OR REPRISALS THEREIN.

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