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RESOLUTION No. 70

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENTIMENT
OF THE SENATE THAT THE MEN, WOMEN
AND CHILDREN WHO DIED IN DEFENSE
OF THEIR HOMELAND AT BUD DAJO
BE HONORED AS MARTYRS OF FREEDOM
AND THAT MARCH 6 OF THIS YEAR AND
EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER BE DECLARED AS
BUD DAJO DAY

WHEREAS, 100 years ago today about 1,000 men, women and children died in defense of their homeland in Bud Dajo, Sulu;

WHEREAS, the Moros of Sulu, refused to recognize American sovereignty over their island together with the other Moro tribes in Mindanao. They did not wish to submit to American rule by paying taxes or surrendering their weapons;

WHEREAS, the Moro rebels took their stand on the top of Bud Dajo, a mountain some 10 kilometers from Jolo. Here they fortified the top of the mountain, the lava cone of an extinct volcano, at an altitude of 2,100 feet;

WHEREAS, a force of 800 American troops, armed with modern weapons of that period, stormed Bud Dajo killing almost all of the 1,000 Moros armed only with *krises*, spears and a few rifles with a loss to themselves of only twenty-one killed and seventy-five wounded;

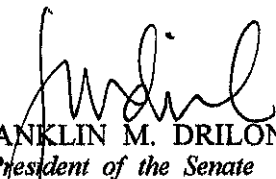
WHEREAS, the Bud Dajo defenders did not think about survival first ahead of their duty to defend their motherland and thus the demands of honor required of them to pay the ultimate sacrifice as Lapu-Lapu, Gregorio del Pilar, the defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, Jose Abad Santos and our other National Heroes did: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as the Senate hereby resolves, That the men, women and children who died in defense of their homeland in Bud Dajo, be honored as martyrs of freedom.


Resolved, further, That March 6 of this year and every year thereafter be declared as Bud Dajo day in remembrance of the supreme sacrifice that the defenders of Bud Dajo made for love of their homeland.

Resolved, finally, That copies of this Resolution be furnished the Office of the President and the National Heroes Commission created under Executive Order No. 75, series of 1993, for their information, consideration and guidance.

Adopted,


FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2006.


OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate