

Republic of the Philippines **QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**

Quezon City 21st City Council

PR21CC-342

69th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- 8594, S-2021

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG SUPPORT OF THE QUEZON CITY COUNCIL TO HOUSE BILL NO. 5403, AUTHORED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEPUTY SPEAKER JOHNNY PIMENTEL, CREATING THE PHILIPPINE MARSHALS SERVICE FOR THE PROTECTION, SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY.

Introduced by Councilor ERIC Z. MEDINA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, the members of the judiciary, composed of judges and justices, are the dispenser and beacon of justice;

WHEREAS, in the performance of their duties and responsibilities, the lives of judges and justices are always in danger having no adequate protection whatsoever against potential attacks;

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WHEREAS, since 1999 about 33 members of the judiciary were slain and the latest of which were Judge Reymar Lacaya of Sindagan, Zamboanga Del Norte, who was killed on May 9, 2019, and Judge Mario Anacleto Banez of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur Regional Trial Court, who was mercilessly killed on November 5, 2019;

WHEREAS, no less than the retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Lucas P. Bersamin and now Chairman of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) was also reported to be receiving death threats;

WHEREAS, at present, the members of the judiciary are merely relying on the security personnel to be detailed or assigned by the Philippine National Police (PNP), but only upon request and on a case-to-case basis;

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the series of assassination against judges, retired Chief Justice Diosdado Peralta also expressed the need for the creation of marshals service for the judiciary to take charge of securing the magistrates, judges and court personnel;

WHEREAS, the approval of House Bill No. 5403 will not only allay the fears of the members of the judiciary about their security and safety, but will strengthen their desire to render fair justice to all kinds of litigants, regardless of their economic or social status.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to express, as it does hereby express, the strong support of the Quezon City Council to House Bill No. 5403, authored by House of Representatives Deputy Speaker Johnny Pimentel, creating the Philippine Marshals Service for the protection, safety and security of the members of the judiciary.







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RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Deputy Speaker Johnny Pimentel, for this Resolution.

ADOPTED: June 21, 2021.

GIAN G. SOTTO City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S) ALFEROS III City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 21, 2021 and was CONFIRMED on June 28, 2021.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III