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House Joint Resolution 25 (Delegate Valderrama)
Commerce and Government Matters

Commending the President of the Republic of the Philippines

This joint resolution commends the President of the Republic of the Philippines for being the first Asian head of state to join the United States Global Coalition Against Terrorism.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Compliance with this joint resolution would not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: On September 26, 2001, in a speech celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the Philippine Constitution Association, the President of the Republic of the Philippines, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, stated that the Philippine government is prepared to undertake the following specific measures in the international struggle against terrorism:

- to join the international counter-terrorist coalition and to work with the United Nations;
- to work closely with the United States on intelligence and security matters concerning terrorism;

- to make available Philippine air space and facilities if the latter are required as transit or staging points;
- to contribute logistical support in the form of food supplies, medicine, and medical personnel;
- subject to the concurrence of the Philippine Congress, to provide combat troops if there is an international call for such troops; and
- to prevent the flow of funds to terrorist groups through the Philippines by passing and implementing legislation against money laundering.

In addition, President Arroyo stated that as a charter member of the United Nations and as part of the international coalition against terrorism, the Philippines will actively implement the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1368 passed on September 12, 2001 which calls on all states to work together in an anti-terrorism campaign.

Additional Information

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