

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
Municipality of Tigbauan  
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, TIGBAUAN, ILOILO HELD AT THE BENJAMIN MELLIZA HALL, TIGBAUAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TIGBAUAN, ILOILO ON NOVEMBER 3, 2004 AT 2:15 P.M.

PRESENT:

HON. ROEL T. JARINA,	OIC, Office of the Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
HON. SUZETTE T. ALQUISADA,	Councilor
HON. REMEDIOS T. TORRATO,	Councilor
HON. ROMEO T. LEDESMA,	Councilor
HON. JOSE T. TAVARRO,	Councilor
HON. ALFONSITO E. ESTOCE,	Councilor
HON. ALFONSO C. BABIERA,	Councilor
HON. PEDRO T. RAPADAS,	Councilor
HON. ORVILLO T. TANGENTE,	Pres. Liga nga mga Brgy.
HON. JOSE DONEL T. TRASPORTO,	SKMF President

ABSENT:

HON. AGATON O. TUMABOTABO,	Acting Mayor
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Resolution No. 2004-119

RESOLUTION EARNESTLY APPEALING TO HON. MIRIAM DEFENSOR, SENATOR OF THE REPUBLIC TO SET ASIDE AN AMOUNT FROM ANY OF YOUR AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, AND SPRUCING UP OF THE MONUMENT MARKING THE FIRST GUERILLA AMBUSH IN SOUTHERN PANAY AGAINST A SUPERIOR JAPANESE FORCE AT BARANGAY NAMOCON, MUNICIPALITY OF TIGBUAN, PROVINCE OF ILOILO- - SEPTEMBER 2, 1942

WHEREAS, on September 2, 1942, (AM), eleven (11) truckloads of Japanese soldiers from Iloilo City, on their way to reinforce the Japanese occupation forces in Antique Province, were ambushed by a local contingent of newly-organized guerillas composed mostly of young native Tigbaueños;

WHEREAS, outnumbered and outgunned the group of guerillas retreated, leaving behind two (2) casualties – Pvt. Pedro Tronco and Pvt. Hugo Tupan, after which two civilians were immediately “butchered” by the Japanese soldiers in retaliation for the ambush;

WHEREAS, this heroism and gallantry in action by the Ilonggos at Barangay Namocon, Tigbauan, Iloilo, is a recorded historical fact as “. . . the first guerilla ambush in Southern Panay” against the Japanese invaders in world War II;

WHEREAS, as Monument depicting the gallantry of Ilonggos, was erected on the site of the ambush at Barangay Namocon some years ago, through the efforts of veterans during the incumbency of the late former Mayor Eugenio T. Torrento (himself a guerilla veteran of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War), and which is one of our historical landmarks and tourist attractions;

WHEREAS, this Monument was inappropriately constructed TOO NEAR the National road thus causing accidents to some pupils and some veterans who were side-swiped by vehicles some years ago while attending the annual program and wreath-laying ceremonies thereat every September 2<sup>nd</sup>;

WHEREAS, there is a move by both the officials of Barangay Namocon and Tigbauan Municipal Officials to move this Monument a short distance away from the National Road, but still within the ambush area, in order to avoid similar accidents in the future;

WHEREAS, it appears in COMELEC records that on May 10, 2004, we in Tigbauan gave you a total of 11,689 votes, which assured for you a comfortable margin as No. 2 winning Senator in this Municipality;

WHEREAS, we know only too well your intense patriotism, honesty as the daughter of a Former Guerilla Officer and later Judge Benjamin Defensor Sr., and as Senator of this Republic with a superb intellectual equipment; Hence we address this Resolution to you;

NOW, THEREFORE, UPON motion of HON. ROMEO T. LEDESMA, Chairman, SB Committee on Tourism, History & cultural Affairs, and duly seconded unanimously, Be It

RESOLVED, as we do hereby resolved, to Earnestly Appeal to HON. MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO, Senator of the Republic, To Set Aside An Amount From Any Of Your Available Funds For The Reconstruction, Improvement And Sprucing Up Of The Monument Marking The First Guerilla Ambush In Southern Panay Against A Superior Japanese Force At Barangay Namocon, Municipality Of Tigbauan, Province Of Iloilo – September 2, 1942,

RSOLVED FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Resolution to the following:

1. Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago  
Senate Manila
2. Office of Mayor Myrna M. Torres
3. Punong Barangay Fred Talamán  
Brgy. Namocon, Tigbauan, Iloilo
4. Office of Director Edwin Trompeta  
Department of Tourism (DOT) Region VI  
Iloilo City

FOR THEIR INFORMATION & APPROPRIATE ACTION

APPROVED.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was approved by the Sangguniang Bayan.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MARLENE T. NAVA  
S.B. Secretary

ATTESTED:

ROEL T. JARINA  
OIC, Office of the Vice Mayor  
& Presiding Officer

