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RESOLUTION No. 30

RESOLUTION HONORING RICARDO CARDINAL VIDAL, ARCHBISHOP OF CEBU, FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CEBU, PROVIDING SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AND INSPIRATION, HELPING THE COMMUNITY AVERT OR SURVIVE SEVERAL CRISES AND CONFLICTS, OFTEN ACTING AS A PEACEKEEPER AND GIVING THE VOICE OF MODERATION AMID CLASHING VIEWS AND INTERESTS IN LOCAL AND NATIONAL ISSUES

WHEREAS, Ricardo Jamin Cardinal Vidal has served the Archdiocese of Cebu as its Archbishop for almost thirty (30) years and as a Filipino Cardinal for twenty-five (25) years;

WHEREAS, his intercession in such crises as military coups, labor disputes, evictions of squatters and vendors, clashes of political camps, and threats of injustice avoided bloodshed and brought peace by coaxing contenders to consider peaceful options and alternatives, for which he has been accorded the well-deserved and endearing title of "The Peacekeeper";

WHEREAS, under his able leadership, he creatively tapped resources of the Archdiocese to help the poor and the oppressed, thus living out the principle of stewardship not only among priests and bishops but also among parishioners and faithful followers of the Church;

WHEREAS, Cardinal Vidal has valued the heritage "kabilin" of the community and its people by preserving churches, rectories and other edifices of the Archdiocese, and protecting relics and artifacts of the faith, teaching bishops, priests and their flocks of the value of preserving culture and religious traditions;

WHEREAS, last October 15, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI accepted Cardinal Vidal's resignation as Archbishop of Cebu and named Archbishop Jose S. Palma of the Archdiocese of Palo as the Cardinal's successor;

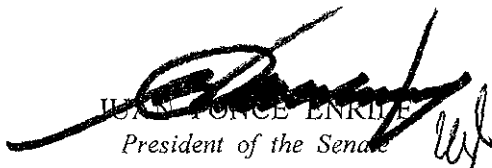
WHEREAS, Cardinal Vidal will leave his post on January 13, 2011 after having clearly and indisputably earned, without seeking it, the reputation of being an exceptional leader whose acts of charity and compassion and pleas for peace and moderation have made him a man of faith highly respected by those around him;

WHEREAS, he deserves the recognition from the Philippine Senate to encourage other leaders of other faiths to shepherd their respective congregations in helping achieve the development goals of their local communities and of the whole nation as well;

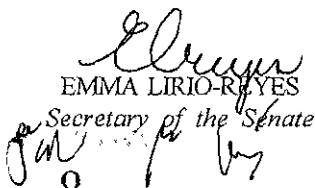
WHEREAS, Cardinal Vidal has ably represented the role of spiritual leaders in nation-building without compromising the principle of separation of Church and State, and without stoking the fire of intolerance and prejudice; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, To honor Ricardo Cardinal Vidal, Archbishop of Cebu, for his service to the people of Cebu, providing spiritual leadership and inspiration, helping the community avert or survive several crises and conflicts, often acting as a peacekeeper and giving the voice of moderation amid clashing views and interests in local and national issues.

Adopted,


JUAN PONCE ENRILE
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on December 7, 2010.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate