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RESOLUTION No. 20

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES AND
SYMPATHIES OF THE SENATE OF THE
PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER SOUTH
AFRICA PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA

WHEREAS, on 5 December 2013, the world was deeply saddened by the passing of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999 and a global symbol of honor, peace, courage and magnanimity;

WHEREAS, the life of the first black President of South Africa and iconic anti-apartheid advocate inspired billions of people all over the world, from state leaders to ordinary individuals, and has sparked collective movements towards genuine socio-political equality across countries regardless of cultural peculiarities;

WHEREAS, having been born in a nation adhering to the dogmatic view that a person's value depends on skin color, Mandela's resistance to this dominant socio-political perspective caused him untold suffering;

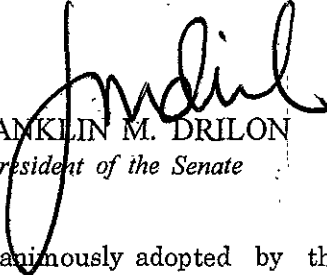
WHEREAS, despite the torment that expectedly came with his mission of emancipating a nation from the unjust and inhumane policy of apartheid, Mandela marched on with boundless and unrelenting passion, and in a manner consistent with the rule of law, the principles of fair play, constitutional processes, and minority right;

WHEREAS, after his remarkable feat as a leader who saw through the socio-political metamorphosis of South Africa, Mandela continued to touch the lives of his neighbors as he selflessly devoted the remainder of his life championing causes which aim to improve living conditions in his community, such as raising funds for schools and hospitals, and fighting the spread of HIV/AIDS;

WHEREAS, Mandela's life will eternally be remembered as a testament that one's love for country and its people can bring about unifying change in the world. Now, therefore, be it


Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, That the Senate of the Philippines express its condolences and sympathies on the death of Nelson Mandela with sincere gratitude for his sterling contributions to the promotion of peace and equality in the world.

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

This Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Senate on December 10, 2013.



OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate