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Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT UNITS IN**  
**PREPARING FOR THE NATIONWIDE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF**  
**WENCESLAO QUINTO VINZONS' NATAL ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Wenceslao Quinito Vinzons, one of our country's most notable patriots during the Second World War, was born on September 28, 1910 in Indan, Camarines Norte;

WHEREAS, Wenceslao Quinito Vinzons was an outstanding student who graduated valedictorian from his local high school and gained fame as a student leader while at the University of the Philippines as student council president and editor-in-chief of the Philippine Collegian;

WHEREAS, Wenceslao Quinito Vinzons advocated the unification of Southeast Asian nations with a common Malay origin in his oratorical address entitled "Malaysia Irredenta," which won him the Manuel L. Quezon gold medal for excellence;

WHEREAS, Vinzons, after obtaining his law degree from the University of the Philippines in 1932 and placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Philippine bar examinations, founded the Young Philippines Party, which advocated the grant of Philippine independence from American rule;

WHEREAS, after the passage in 1934 of the Tydings-McDuffie Act which laid the groundwork for Philippine independence, Vinzons successfully sought election as the youngest delegate to the 1935 Constitutional Convention where he was instrumental in prescribing Tagalog as an official language of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, during the 1935 presidential elections, Vinzons actively campaigned for the presidential bid of former President Emilio Aguinaldo, the main challenger to then Senate President Manuel Quezon;

WHEREAS, Vinzons successfully ran for election to the National Assembly in 1941, representing the lone district of Camarines Norte;

WHEREAS, within days following the arrival of the Japanese forces in the Philippines, Vinzons began to organize armed resistance in the Bicol region against the invasion army, which had arrived in the region on December 12, 1941;

WHEREAS, Vinzons commandeered all the rice warehouses in Camarines Norte and ordered the confiscation of explosives used in the province's gold mines for use against the Japanese army;

WHEREAS, on December 18, 1941, Vinzons led a raid against a troop of Japanese soldiers in Basud, Camarines Norte;

WHEREAS, Vinzons' forces soon grew to around 2,800 strong, and in May 1942, he would lead these forces to successfully liberate the provincial capital of Daet;

WHEREAS, between December 1941 and May 1942, Vinzons' troops, armed with poisoned arrows among others, were able to kill around 3,000 Japanese soldiers, making his capture one of the primary objectives of the Japanese army;

WHEREAS, on July 8, 1942, Vinzons and his father were seized by the Japanese military, with the help of a former guerrilla-turned-informant, but they refused to pledge allegiance to his captors and were brought to a garrison in Daet, Camarines Norte;

WHEREAS, on July 15, 1942, Vinzons was bayoneted to death after refusing one final entreaty to cooperate with the Japanese forces and shortly thereafter, his father, wife, sister and two of his children were also executed by the Japanese;

WHEREAS, by some travesty of justice, the remains of Vinzons and his family have never been recovered up to now;


WHEREAS, it is sad and unfortunate if we allow stories about the great sacrifices of our heroes to be buried into the pages of oblivion;

WHEREAS, if we want to move our country in the right direction, we have to look back at our rich history as a nation and as a people, for then and only then can we ably declare that we have conquered our future;

WHEREAS, the tapestry of our country must be painted by the brave and courageous sacrifices of our heroes and their stories must be told, re-told and passed on from one generation to the next. *Now, therefore, be it:*

*RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED* by the Senate of the Philippines, to support the efforts of different government units in preparing for the nationwide centennial celebration of Wenceslao Quinito Vinzons' natal anniversary.

Adopted,



**RICHARD J. GORDON**