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P. Senate Resolution No. 254

Introduced by Senators M.A. Madrigal and Aquilino Pimentel, Jr.

**RESOLUTION
HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LUIS TARUC**

WHEREAS, Luis Taruc, guerrilla veteran, and one of the leaders of the Hukbong Bayan Laban sa mga Hapon (HUKBALAHAP), the guerilla movement against the Japanese imperial forces formed in March 1942, was born in Santa Monica, Tarlac, to poor peasants, on 21 June 1913;

WHEREAS, Luis Taruc studied at the University of Manila (now the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila) for two years (1932-34) and then became involved in the cause of the Philippines' landless peasants;

WHEREAS, Luis Taruc was strongly drawn to Marxism, he joined the Socialist Party of the Philippines in 1935 founded by Don Pedro Abad Santos known as the "Grand Old Man of San Fernando, Pampanga;"

WHEREAS, as Don Pedro Abad Santos' disciple, Luis Taruc carried on the former's movement of peasant mobilization for land reform;

WHEREAS, Luis Taruc narrated his struggles as an ideologist in his world-renowned book, "Born of the People," which influenced another legendary hero of the freedom struggle, South African leader Nelson Mandela;

WHEREAS, Luis Taruc's espousal of armed struggle, and his conviction and incarceration by the state, afforded him the opportunity to reflect on relinquishing armed struggle, leading to his subsequent strong belief that Filipinos should not harm fellow Filipinos, but that instead, peace, harmony, social justice and dignity are best fostered by genuine, peaceful development and social reform;

WHEREAS his commitment to a more just society for all Filipinos, in particular peasants and veterans, led him to lobbying for their interests;

WHEREAS, to the last days of his life, he demonstrated his dedication to reconciliation and social justice and never once compromised his principles for the sake of expediency and personal gain;

WHEREAS, Luis Taruc's life provides a lesson to all Filipinos about the urgent and essential importance of social justice and its practical application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to:

- (1) Extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Luis Taruc; and,
- (2) Express our admiration for the historic contributions made by Luis Taruc over his long and distinguished career of freedom-fighting and struggle to improve the welfare of the poor;

Adopted,



M.A. MADRIGAL



AQUILINO PIMENTEL, Jr.

