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## A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF HONORABLE CRISPIN B. BELTRAN

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Crispin "Ka Bel" B. Beltran, Sectoral Representative at the House of Representatives, a labor leader, and an unrelenting defender of labor and human rights, passed away on May 20, 2008;

**WHEREAS**, at the early age of 20, he committed himself to remain at the forefront of the workers' crusade to protect the rights of the workers;

**WHEREAS**, Ka Bel organized several labor organizations including Amalgamated Taxi Drivers Association where he served as the President from 1955 to 1963, the Confederation of Labor of the Philippines where he served as Vice Chairman from 1963 to 1972 and helped in the organization of Philippine Workers Congress, KASAMA, PACMAP, Pederasyon ng mga Unyon sa Rizal, and Philippine Nationalist Labor Organization (PANALO);

**WHEREAS**, Ka Bel joined the Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU), a militant and progressive labor movement in 1955 of which he became the Chairperson in 1986, uniting and strengthening the fight against fascism of the Marcos administration;

**WHEREAS**, Ka Bel had been a famous activist for more than fifty (50) years, surviving the wrath of the martial law, led and joined different labor protests and movements, and consistently defied the ideologies of globalization especially in the forms of privatization and deregulation as one of the pillars of the international working class;

**WHEREAS**, Ka Bel was the Vice Chairman of the Partido ng Bayan from 1986 to 1987, became chairperson for the multi-sectoral alliance Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (BAYAN) from 1993 to 1999, became chairman of the International League for People's Struggles (ILPS) in 2002, and Vice Chairman of the Partido Bayan Muna from 2000 to 2008;

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Beltran served as the Vice Chairman of the Bayan Muna political party from February 2001 to November 2003 and served as one of its Sectoral Representatives at the House of Representatives, introducing legislations with a sense of patriotism and advocacy of the rights and welfare of the marginalized sectors;

**WHEREAS**, during his term of office at the House of Representatives, he has actively taken part in discussions and actions regarding poverty, human rights, social justice and struggle for genuine freedom and democracy;

**WHEREAS**, he garnered awards such as Filipino of the Year and Most Outstanding Congressman for four consecutive years from 2002 to 2005, and adjudged part of the Congressional Hall of Fame;

**WHEREAS**, the country is grateful for the service of a dedicated leader and a devoted comrade who has unselfishly offered his wisdom, his heart and his soul for the realization of our common goal to provide every Filipino a decent, just and peaceful society, thus this Chamber joins his family and the whole nation in commemorating his life and his many achievements: Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, as it is herby resolved, to commemorate, as it hereby commemorates, its utmost reverence on the anniversary of the death of Honorable Crispin B. Beltran;

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of the Honorable Crispin B. Beltran.

Adopted,

Senator