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RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA FILIPINA INDEPENDIENTE, UNDER  
THE LEADERSHIP OF OBISPO MAXIMO GODOFREDO J. DAVID, ON  
THE OCCASION OF ITS 107<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 3, 2009

WHEREAS, the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente* or the Philippine Independent Church was founded in 1902 by the *Union Obrera Democratica*, a confederation of 10 labor organizations led by Don Isabelo de los Reyes;

WHEREAS, the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente* is also known as the Aglipayan Church in honor of its first head, Gregorio Aglipay;


WHEREAS, the birth of *Iglesia Filipina Independiente*, largely influenced by our forefathers' earnest longing for liberty and religious freedom during the Spanish colonial conquest of the Philippines, is regarded as "the most tangible product of the 1898 Revolution Against Spain";

WHEREAS, considering its ever expanding reach with congregation in other parts of Asia as well as in the United States and Canada, the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente* has effectively preserved traces of the Filipino character in its religious doctrines and has helped inspire a deeper sense of pride and nationalism among Filipinos;


WHEREAS, early beginnings of *Iglesia Filipina Independiente*, marked by an ardent struggle towards independence and self-rule, serve as a shining example to all freedom-loving Filipinos to stand by their religious convictions and fight for their rights;

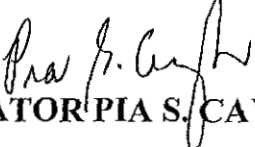
WHEREAS, *Iglesia Filipina Independiente's* perseverance and sacrifices to uphold their religious independence is an inspiration to all Filipinos to strive even harder to achieve their goal of building a truly humane and progressive nation;

WHEREAS, in the midst of all the economic and social problems facing our nation today, the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente* continues to fortify the religious faith of its followers and has immensely contributed in further strengthening the religious and spiritual fiber of the Philippine society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to congratulate the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente*, under the leadership of Obispo Maximo Godofredo J. David, on the occasion of its 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 3, 2009. 

Adopted,

  
SENATOR MANUEL B. VILLAR

  
SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO

  
SENATOR ALAN PETER S. CAYETANO