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## SENATE P.S. RES. NO.**1235**

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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

## **A RESOLUTION**

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN CONVEYING ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE NOBLE CONTRIBUTION OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO, ITS LEADERS AND MEMBERS FOR THE GREATER WELFARE OF PHILIPPINE SOCIETY, ON THE OCCASION OF THE CHURCH'S 95TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY ON JULY 27, 2009

WHEREAS, the Iglesia ni Cristo is an indigenous church in the Philippines established by Ka Felix Manalo on July 27, 1914 in Punta, Santa Ana, Manila;

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the Iglesia ni Cristo has greatly grown in number not only in the country but in the whole world, consisting of 3,000 congregations called locales scattered in 70 countries nationwide;

WHEREAS, the growing membership of Iglesia ni Cristo in the nation and in the world is a testament that it is a church whose founder, leaders, and members are men and women of exemplary zeal and faithfulness;

WHEREAS, among the leaders and members of Iglesia ni Cristo are respected members of their communities and citizens of the country who have positively contributed to the task of nation-building;

WHEREAS, the Iglesia ni Cristo continues to play an influential role in shaping the moral life and in nourishing the spiritual growth of millions of Filipinos, even of non-members;

WHEREAS, the Iglesia ni Cristo exemplifies concern for the welfare and good of our people and of the people of the world;

**WHEREAS**, the Iglesia ni Cristo epitomizes the triumph of evangelization through which it has brought honor to the country;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that The Philippine Senate conveys its esteem and appreciation for the noble contribution of the Iglesia ni Cristo, its leaders and members for the greater welfare of Philippine society, on the occasion of the Church's 95<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary on July 27, 2009.

Adopted,

LOREN LEGARDA Senator