


SENATE
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Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHIES AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE
DEMISE OF ERAÑO "KA ERDY" MANALO, LEADER OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO AND
ADVOCATE OF NATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND PROGRESS, FOR HIS LIFETIME
COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING THE MORAL FIBER OF PHILIPPINE SOCIETY,
AND URGING THE PRESIDENT AND THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE TO
DIRECT THAT THE FLAG BE HUNG AT HALF-MAST IN HIS HONOR

WHEREAS, on the 31st of August 2009, the country was deeply sorrowed by the passing of Eraño "Ka Erdy" G. Manalo, Executive Minister and spiritual leader of the Iglesia ni Cristo;

WHEREAS, Ka Erdy, born on January 2, 1925 as the fifth child of INC founder Felix Y. Manalo and Honorata De Guzman, early on entered the Iglesia ni Cristo ministry and started serving as its General Treasurer in 1947, later on becoming District Minister for Manila;

WHEREAS, he was elected successor to his father in 1963, whereupon as the Executive Minister he led the growth of the Iglesia ni Cristo and established its first overseas mission in Honolulu, Hawaii, expanding it to more than 200 congregations in 67 countries outside the Philippines and with an estimated membership of three to 10 million worldwide;

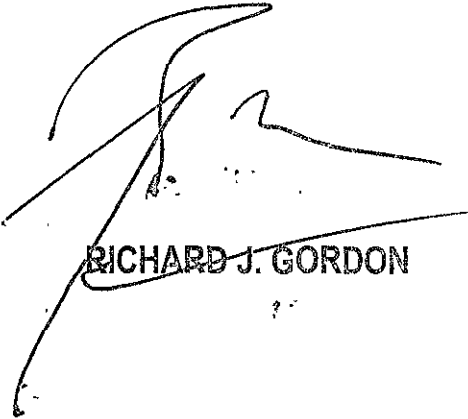
WHEREAS, the Iglesia ni Cristo's 95 years of existence has significantly enhanced the moral and spiritual development of the Filipino people, especially in light of social and economic ills that have plagued the nation;

WHEREAS, Section 23 of the Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines or Republic Act No. 8491 directs that the Philippine flag be flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning on the day of official announcement of the death of not only the highest public officials of the land, but also other persons that may be determined by the National Historical Institute to be deserving of such honor;

WHEREAS, Ka Erdy's commitment to strengthening the religious and spiritual fiber of millions of Filipinos throughout the world and his lifetime pursuit of national solidarity and progress deserve utmost respect and command reverence in the observance of this period of mourning; *Now, therefore, be it:*

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to express profound sympathies and sincere condolences on the demise of Eraño "Ka Erdy" G. Manalo, leader of the Iglesia ni Cristo and advocate of national solidarity and progress, for his lifetime commitment to strengthening the moral fiber of Philippine society, and urging the President and the National Historical Institute to direct that the flag be hung at half-mast in his honor.

Adopted,



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