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**RESOLUTION HONORING AND REMEMBERING CERGE M. REMONDE FOR HIS
EXEMPLARY SERVICE IN GOVERNMENT AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION
TO JOURNALISM**

WHEREAS, on 19 January 2010, the country lost one of its most respected public servants and journalists in Cerge M. Remonde who passed away after succumbing to cardiac arrest;

WHEREAS, Cerge Remonde has dedicated his life to the paramount goal of journalism by consistently espousing the truth;

WHEREAS, Cerge Remonde adhered to the high ethical standard expected of a journalist who was never cowed to speak the truth exposing him to various threats and risks;

WHEREAS, the combined merit of his years of experience, intellect and high ethical standard had propelled Cerge Remonde to occupy the posts of Director-General of the Presidential Management Staff, Press Undersecretary for Broadcast and ultimately Press Secretary at the time of his death where he left an indelible mark of excellence;

WHEREAS, Cerge Remonde seriously lived his journalistic ethos early in his media career as a reporter in his hometown Argao in Cebu as an anchor of the public affairs program Interaction in Radio DYLA;

WHEREAS, Cerge Remonde earned the respect of his peers and thus became the first National Chairman of the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP) to be elected to a sixth term;

WHEREAS, his diligence enabled him to execute his tasks protecting government media assets consisting of the National Broadcasting Network – Channel 4, Radio Philippines Network Inc. – Channel 9, Intercontinental Broadcasting Corporation – Channel 13, Bureau of Broadcast Services or Radyo ng Bayan, Bureau of Communication Services and the Philippine News Agency;

WHEREAS, Cerge Remonde served the country to the best of his abilities in many crucial undertakings among them as Senior Adviser to the GRP-NDF Peace Panel, Chairman of the Advertising Board of the Philippines, the Freedom Fund for Filipino Journalists and the Appeals Board of the Movie and Television Review and

Classification Board (MTRCB) and as Commissioner of the Communications Committee for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization;

WHEREAS, Cerge Remonde personified diligence in academic pursuits as he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree, Magna Cum Laude, at the University of the Visayas in Cebu City, took up Cooperation and Development Studies at the Afro-Asia Institute in Tel Aviv, Israel in 1986 and attended an International Visitors Program hosted by the U.S. State Department in Washington D. C. In 1992;

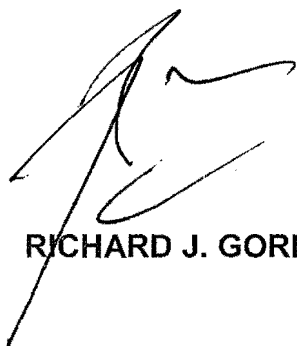
WHEREAS, Cerge Remonde was well loved in his hometown as a professional and friend and granted the Most Outstanding Visayan in the field of Mass Media in 1998 and the Most Outstanding Cebuano in 1999;

WHEREAS, Cerge Remonde displayed exemplary comportment in his professional and private life wherein he added friends, converted contrarians into allies and made no enemies;

WHEREAS, Cerge M. Remonde deserves to be honored and fondly remembered for his dedication to public service, journalism and high ethical standard;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines honors and remembers Cerge M. Remonde for his exemplary service in government and outstanding contribution to journalism.

Adopted,



RICHARD J. GORDON



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI