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P. S. Resolution. No.

Introduced by Senators JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA and LUISA "LOP" P. EJERCITO ESTRADA

RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (INC) ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 90th FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the 90th foundation of the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC) was recently held last July 27, 2004;

WHEREAS, the Iglesia ni Cristo is founded by Bro. Felix Manalo on July 27, 1914, its first church in the country located in Punta, Manila's Santa Ana district after its first converts were baptized in the nearby Pasig River;

WHEREAS, it is considered the second largest formal religion in the Philippines after Catholicism;

WHEREAS, the Iglesia ni Cristo rapidly grew from one concrete church building in Manila to hundreds of churches around the world and has emerged strong in the United States, Canada, England, Germany, Hawaii, Guam and Hong Kong. This is clearly a strong testament not only on the INC's growth as a religious sector in our society but a manifestation of the resilience of the Filipinos' faith;

WHEREAS, the Iglesia ni Cristo uses vernacular languages in teaching and preaching the Gospel. Its law-abiding, disciplined leadership and members have made Iglesia ni Cristo a role model for other religious organizations. Attending not only to the religious needs of its flock, Iglesia ni Cristo also looks after their members' economic and physical well-being through socio-economic projects, such as job placements, housing, and education; Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to extend congratulations to the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC) on the occasion of their 90th founding anniversary

Adopted,

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