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INTRODUCED BY SENATE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN M. DRILON

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE SENATE IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ON 3 DECEMBER 2013

WHEREAS, persons living with various forms of disability represent the world's largest disadvantaged group, comprising 15% of the global population or an estimated 1 billion individuals;

WHEREAS, despite decades of steadfast efforts by the United Nations to transform attitudes, perspectives and approaches concerning disability guided by the vision of an inclusive society for all, persons with disabilities continue to be excluded from equitable access to basic services and resources such as education, employment, healthcare and legal support systems;

WHEREAS, recognizing that matters affecting persons with disabilities remain largely invisible in most mainstream development processes and frameworks, there exists a pressing need for action-oriented plans and concrete measures which would ensure the representation of persons with disabilities in all development efforts at the national, regional and international levels, and their participation in every facet of the society;

WHEREAS, for this year's worldwide observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the United Nations pushes for the global movement towards an inclusive society, where persons with disabilities are fully integrated in all aspects of every society, and therefore adopts the theme, "Break Barriers, Open Doors: For an Inclusive Society for All";

WHEREAS, to reaffirm our commitment to cooperate in the full realization of the objectives of the United Nations, the Senate of the Philippines expresses its full support to and active participation in the observance of the International Day of

Persons with Disabilities on 3 December 2013, and encourages all stakeholders, whether in the public or private arena, to take part in the activities organized by the National Council on Disability Affairs consistent with the United Nations theme for this year's commemoration: *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines expresses its full support to and active participation in the observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December 2013, and encouraging all public and private stakeholders to take part in the activities set by the National Council on Disability Affairs consistent with the United Nations theme: "Break Barriers, Open Doors: For an Inclusive Society for All."

Adopted,


FRANKLIN M. DRILON