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## RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN COMMEMORATING THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

WHEREAS, 1994 was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly as the International Year of the Family (IYF);

WHEREAS, the IYF proclamation is based on the principle that the family constitutes the basic unit of society, therefore, warrants special attention and the widest possible protection and assistance should be accorded to families so that they may fully assume their responsibilities within the community;

WHEREAS, the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IYF focuses on three major themes, namely: (1) confronting family poverty and social exclusion, (2) ensuring work-family balance, and (3) advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity within families and communities;

WHEREAS, the 2014 IYF celebration constitutes an opportunity to refocus on the role of families in development, take stock of recent trends in family policy development, share good practices in family policy making, review challenges faced by families worldwide and recommend solutions;

WHEREAS, the Philippines recognizes the family as the foundation of the nation and, as such, it is imperative to strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development;

WHEREAS, this nation supports the observance of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IYF as it reflects and reinforces the close family ties of Filipinos;

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES,** to express its sense in joining the community of member states of the United Nations in commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IYF.

Adopted,

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Senator