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**RESOLUTION HAILING AND COMMENDING THE ORGANIZERS AND
PARTICIPANTS OF THE *IGLESIA NI CRISTO* (INC) WORLDWIDE WALK
FOR CONDUCTING AND COORDINATING THE LARGEST ONE-DAY CHARITY
WALK IN SINGLE AND MULTIPLE VENUES IN THE WORLD
ON FEBRUARY 15, 2014, WHICH SET NEW WORLD RECORDS AND RAISED
FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SURVIVORS
OF SUPERTYPHOON YOLANDA**

WHEREAS, Section 23 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "The State shall encourage non-governmental, community-based, or sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the nation";

WHEREAS, Supertyphoon *Yolanda*, dubbed as one of the deadliest typhoons to hit the country, pummeled several towns and cities in the Visayas on November 8, 2013, killing at least 6,200 people, and leaving nearly 2,000 others missing and four (4) million people homeless;

WHEREAS, in an exemplary display of the humanitarian and *bayanihan* spirit, the *Iglesia ni Cristo* (INC) spearheaded the "Worldwide Walk" to generate funds for the benefit of the survivors of Supertyphoon *Yolanda* which caused massive displacement, loss of lives and livelihoods, and destruction to many places in the country;

WHEREAS, the said INC-organized global charity walk on February 15, 2014 in the Philippines broke world records as the largest one-day charity walk in a single and multiple venue;

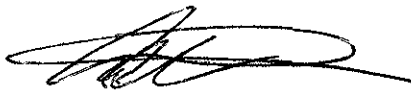
WHEREAS, some 175,509 participants joined the Worldwide Walk in the Philippines, beating the record previously held by Singapore's "The New Paper Big Walk" in May 2000 which had 77,500 participants;

WHEREAS, Kirsty Bennet, adjudicator of the Guinness Book of World Records, also reported that the Walk was participated by a total of 519,521 participants in thirteen (13) time zones and fifty-three (53) other countries, thereby beating the record set by Canada in October 2007 which involved 231,635 participants who staged a kilometer walk in 1,011 different locations around Canada;

WHEREAS, the Worldwide Walk raised awareness on the plight of the *Yolanda* survivors who are still in the process of recovery and rehabilitation, and raised funds for the benefit of the survivors of said supertyphoon, an endeavor which exhibits the indispensable role of civil society groups and faith-based organizations in nation-building;

RESOLVED, *as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate*, that the Philippine Senate hail and commend the organizers and participants of the *Iglesia ni Cristo* Worldwide Walk for setting new world records for the largest one-day charity walk in single and multiple venues and for raising much needed funds for the benefit of the survivors of Supertyphoon Yolanda.

Adopted,



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Senator