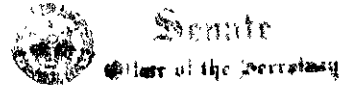


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**RESOLUTION**  
**URGING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO LEAD THE NATIONAL**  
**OBSERVANCE OF WORLD RADIO DAY EVERY THIRTEENTH (13<sup>TH</sup>)**  
**DAY OF FEBRUARY IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF**  
**RADIO AS A MEDIUM OF FREE EXPRESSION**

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 24 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation-building;

**WHEREAS**, upon proclamation during the 36<sup>th</sup> General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on 3 November 2011, World Radio Day shall be celebrated by all its member-countries on the thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) day of February of every year;

**WHEREAS**, as the concurrent anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Radio in 1946, World Radio Day serves as a day to "celebrate radio as a medium; to improve international cooperation between broadcasters; and to encourage major networks and community radio alike to promote access to information, and free, independent and pluralistic media";

**WHEREAS**, in 2015 and with the theme "Youth and Radio", World Radio Day seeks to address the various issues faced by the youth in their use of this medium, such as prejudice in their portrayal in the media and the need to improve security of young journalists in conflict and disaster zones;

**WHEREAS**, UNESCO Director General Dr. Irina Bokova recognizes that radio "provides means of change" and is a "vector of cohesion, education and culture;"

**WHEREAS**, with its robust tradition of free press and democratic ideals, the Philippines should affirm the role of media in disseminating information among the widest number of people as possible;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the national government to lead the national observance of World Radio Day every thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) day of February in recognition of the important role of radio as a medium of free expression;

Adopted,



**LOREN LEGARDA**  
Senator