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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS AND PARLIAMENTS AROUND THE WORLD COMMEMORATING THE EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 WITH THE THEME: "PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR DEMOCRACY"

WHEREAS, on September 15, 1997, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) adopted the Universal Declaration of Democracy which affirms the universality of democratic principles, ideals and values; and a decade later on November 8, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly declared September 15 as the International Day of Democracy;

WHEREAS, this year marks the Eighth International Day of Democracy celebration with the theme, "*Public Participation for Democracy*";

WHEREAS, public participation is the foundation upon which democracy revolves;

WHEREAS, the Filipino people, 29 years after the restoration of democracy through the People Power Revolution, will once again choose their local and national leaders in the May 2016 elections;

WHEREAS, at this time at least 20 million of the estimated 54 million registered and eligible voters, or 37% of the electorate, will come from the youth; and with their facility to access information through the widespread use of social media networks, the youth are expected to be more judicious in choosing their leaders and hold them accountable in the conduct of their duties;

WHEREAS, elections alone do not make a democracy, and thus, citizens need to be vigilant and actively participate in the entire democratic process, including congressional deliberations where they, the people, can express their differing views;

WHEREAS, mindful that the mandate and power of the Senate emanate from the people and therefore it is imperative for this institution to encourage greater public participation;

WHEREAS, as a member of the family of world parliaments commemorating the International Day of Democracy today, the Philippine Senate reaffirms its steadfast commitment to engage its citizens and increase public participation in the democratic process. *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, to express its sense in joining the community of nations and parliaments around the world and encouraging organizations and individuals to engage in meaningful activities commemorating the Eighth International Day of Democracy on September 15, 2015.

Adopted,



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Senator