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Introduced by Senate President Franklin M. Drilon

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF DEMOCRITO MENDOZA, FOUNDER OF THE TRADE UNION CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES (TUCP)

WHEREAS, Democrito Mendoza, relentless champion of the Filipino working
class, passed away on 12 January 2016;

WHEREAS, Mendoza dedicated his life as the resounding voice of our laborers in their continuing fight for equitable employment opportunities, humane conditions of work and living wages, through the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines which he founded and headed;

7 WHEREAS, his campaign for the causes of a struggling workforce transcended 8 the domestic sphere and extended to the international arena through the 9 establishment of the ASEAN Trade Union Council, which became his platform in 10 advancing the freedom of association workers, and in protecting the right of 11 employees to security of tenure threatened by the rising trend of contractualization;

WHEREAS, as a pillar of our country's labor movement, Mendoza's notable contributions earned him various distinctions and citations, among which are the "Labor Leader of the Year", Cebu News Correspondence Club (1961); "Labor Leader of the Year", Cebu Press Club (1964); "Labor Leader of the Year", School of Labor and Industrial Relations of the University of the Philippines (1998); "Labor Leader of the Year", President Fidel V. Ramos (1998); "Order of the Golden Heart," President Gloria Arroyo (2002); and the Presidential Merit Award (2005);

19 WHEREAS, his unwavering commitment and legendary courage to promote 20 the interest of our laborers through peaceful modes resulted to increased 21 productivity in the workforce, that ultimately helped oil the wheels of our economy;

WHEREAS, the Members of this august Chamber join the nation in mourning the death of Mendoza, the distinguished victor of the working class: *Now, therefore, be it* RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound
sympathy and sincere condolence on the death of Democrito Mendoza, founder and
President of the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP);

4 RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the 5 bereaved family of Democrito Mendoza.

Adopted,

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