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Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

RESOLUTION

**COMMENDING FILIPINO SEAMAN NOEL F. SORETA FOR HIS HEROISM AND
VALOR IN RESCUING THREE SHIPWRECKED FISHERMEN IN THE HIGH SEAS
NEAR CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA**

WHEREAS, Mr. Noel F. Soreta, a boatswain on the vessel M/T Inca, risked his life to save three Colombian fishermen who clung to the keel of an overturned fisherman's boat in the middle of a storm;

WHEREAS, rough waves upturned the fishermen's vessel leaving the three Colombian fishermen with neither food nor water for more than 24-hours in the open sea near Cartagena, Colombia;

WHEREAS, officers and men of M/T Inca sighted the boat last March 6, 2005, but extreme weather conditions hampered rescue operations;

WHEREAS, despite the risk, Mr. Soreta swam to the fishermen's rescue;

WHEREAS, the captain of M/T Inca and Mr. Soreta's colleagues were witnesses to his heroism and valor;

WHEREAS, Mr. Soreta, a seafarer for 15-years and a native of Bola, Camarines Sur, displayed selflessness, great bravery and courage. He presented himself as a shining example of Filipino heroism and did the Philippines proud;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, to commend Filipino seaman Noel F. Soreta for his heroism and valor in rescuing three shipwrecked fishermen in the high seas near Cartagena, Colombia.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
Senator