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RESOLUTION No. 106

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE INTER-
PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) DECLARATION
URGING ALL PARLIAMENTS TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY ON
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008, AS PROCLAIMED BY
THE UNITED NATIONS (UN)

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly declared September 15, 2008 as International Day of Democracy, inviting all member states, organizations, non-governmental organizations and individuals to commemorate the first *International Day of Democracy* in

an appropriate manner that contributes to raising public awareness;


WHEREAS, the event coincides with the anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy which was adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) on September 16, 1997;

WHEREAS, while the UN reaffirms democracy as a universal value based on the freely expressed will of people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and the IPU recognizes Parliament as the central institution within a democracy through which the will of the people is expressed, laws are passed, and government is held to account, both the UN and the IPU encourage member states to focus their agenda of the International Day of Democracy celebration to activities and issues relevant to the various sectors of population, including the marginalized and poor people;


WHEREAS, as a member of the UN and the IPU, there is a need to support and participate in the global commemoration of International Day of Democracy by devoting programs to promoting democracy, freedom, equality, participation, development, respect for human rights and fundamental freedom and the rule of law: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To support, as it hereby supports, the Inter-Parliamentary Union declaration urging all parliaments to participate in the celebration of the first International Day of Democracy on September 15, 2008, as proclaimed by the United Nations.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
R President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 3, 2008.


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Secretary of the Senate
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