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**RESOLUTION**  
**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES**  
**OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE FILIPINO PEOPLE ON**  
**THE DEATH OF EXECUTIVE MINISTER ERAÑO MANALO OF IGLESIA NI**  
**CRISTO, A TRUE MESSENGER OF FILIPINO SPIRITUALITY AND FAITH**

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Minister of Iglesia ni Cristo, Brother Eraño Manalo, passed away on 31 August 2009 at the age of 84;

**WHEREAS**, Minister Manalo was born on January 2, 1925, the fifth child of the late INC founder Felix Y. Manalo and Honorata De Guzman. He took up law but left his studies to become a minister of the Iglesia ni Cristo and then, became general treasurer of the Church and circulation manager of the *Pasugo* magazine;

**WHEREAS**, in 1953, ten years before his father's death, Minister Manalo was elected successor to his father as Executive Minister. On January 17, 1955, Minister Manalo married Cristina Villanueva and had six children;

**WHEREAS**, known as "Ka Erdy" among INC followers, Minister Manalo led the expansion of the INC not only in the country but also overseas. Under his leadership, INC started its missions abroad in 1968 and has grown the number of its members ever since. Also under him, the INC started to make use of its media agencies extensively to propagate its mission to spread God's word;

**WHEREAS**, the INC led by Minister Manalo is known not only as a large independent Church but as a humanitarian organization offering free medical services, community clean-ups, reforestation projects and blood drives;

**WHEREAS**, he is said by many to have a warm, friendly personality, but is reputed to be an authoritative and decisive leader by friends and foes alike;

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, to express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of Brother Eraño Manalo;

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of Brother Eraño Manalo.

Adopted,

  
**MANNY VILLAR**  
Senator