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Introduced by Senate President Enrile

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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO JOIN THE FAMILY OF NATIONS AND PARLIAMENTS AROUND THE WORLD IN COMMEMORATING THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 AND TO RE-AFFIRM ITS ROLE AS THE BASTION OF DEMOCRACY**

**WHEREAS**, September 15, 2009 “marks the second International Day of Democracy celebration with the theme Democracy and Political Tolerance”;

**WHEREAS**, a universal value based on the freely-expressed will of the people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and their full participation in all aspects of life, democracy primarily aims to promote and protect the free exercise of fundamental rights of every person, to achieve justice in all phases of society, and to foster the economic and social progress of the community;

**WHEREAS**, the annual celebration of International Day of Democracy gives an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world and to constantly remind every individual that the ideals of democracy can only be achieved and enjoyed through the united efforts of the international community, the national governing bodies, civil society, and individuals;

**WHEREAS**, it is worth stressing that Philippine democracy, after it had been disrupted by authoritarian rule from 1972-1986, was restored through the world-known peaceful “People Power Revolution” spearheaded by the late former President Corazon C. Aquino;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to inculcate in the youth as future leaders, the importance of democracy in a free society and to instill in their minds the sacrifices of their forebears in restoring and protecting democracy;

**WHEREAS**, in commemorating the second International Day of Democracy along with the community of nations and other parliaments in different parts of the world, the Philippine Senate finds it necessary to reaffirm its strong commitment to protect and promote democracy, particularly among the youth, through legislative measures that would best serve the common good, and to continue to adhere to the policy of peace, justice, freedom, cooperation and amity with all nations: *Now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, To express, as it hereby expresses, its sense in joining the family of nations and parliaments around the world in commemorating the second International Day of Democracy on September 15, 2009 and in reaffirming its role as the bastion of democracy.

*Adopted,*

  
JUAN PONCE ENRILE  
Senate President