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SENATE
Proposed Senate Resolution No. 1369

## INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MANNY VILLAR

## RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR SOTERO H. LAUREL

WHEREAS, former Senator Sotero H. Laurel passed away peacefully on 16 September 2009 at the age of 90;

**WHEREAS,** "Teroy", as he was known to his friends, was the third son of President Jose P. Laurel and is recognized as a nationalist and as a patriot;

WHEREAS, fiercely independent-minded, Senator Laurel was Senate President Pro-Tempore in the Eighth Congress and is one of the "Magnificent 12" who voted against the extension of the US Military Bases in 1991, he was known for his assertive nationalism and integrity. He was likewise the President Pro-Tempore of the 1971 Constitutional Convention;

WHEREAS, Senator Laurel was an educator at heart with law degrees from the University of the Philippines, University of Santo Tomas, Georgetown University and Harvard University. He was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Lyceum of the Philippines University System. He served as President of the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU) from 1963 to 1965. He was a recipient of the prestigious "Chevalier de France dans l'ordre des Palm Academique" in 1986. He also served as President of the Philippine Constitution Association and the Philippine Jaycees;

WHEREAS, Senator Laurel chose the classroom to share with aspiring law students his vast knowledge of law. He lectured and reviewed bar examinees on jurisprudence, constitutional and international law at the Far Eastern University, Philippine Law School and Lyceum of the Philippines. As its president, Senator Laurel nursed the Lyceum into the leading training ground of legal luminaries. He also founded a Lyceum branch in Batangas. Senator Laurel accents the need for an educational system that would instill a "passionate commitment to nationalism" among students;

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, to express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of former Senator Sotero H. Laurel;

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of former Senator Sotero H. Laurel.

Adopted,