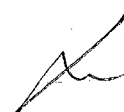


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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF MUELMAR MAGALLANES WHO SACRIFICED HIS LIFE TO SAVE HIS FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS WHO WERE VICTIMS OF THE FLOOD BROUGHT BY TYPHOON ONDOY, EXHIBITING AN EXEMPLARY ESSENCE OF HEROISM

**WHEREAS**, Muelmar Magallanes is an 18-year-old construction worker from Bagong Silang, Quezon City;

**WHEREAS**, last September 26, 2009, as Typhoon Ondoy unleashed the heaviest rains in more than 40 years in Manila, the river 800 meters away from Bagong Silangan, Quezon City had burst its banks;

**WHEREAS**, Muelmar and his father started to evacuate their family;

**WHEREAS**, with the help of an older brother, Muelmar tied a string around his waist and attached it one by one to his three younger siblings, whom he took to higher ground;

**WHEREAS**, he then came back for his parents;

**WHEREAS**, by then, Muelmar had already secured the safety of his family and himself, but decided to go beyond saving his household;

**WHEREAS**, a strong swimmer, he kept returning for neighbors trapped on rooftops, swam through the floods to pull people to safety and ended up making many trips;

**WHEREAS**, just when he was back on higher ground with his family to recover from cold and exhaustion believing he had saved everyone, he heard Menchie Peñalosa screaming as she and her six-month-old baby girl were being swept away on the polystyrene box they were using in an attempt to cross the swift currents;

**WHEREAS**, without any hesitation, Muelmar dove back in to save Peñalosa and her baby, took them from the ravaging waters, pushed them in close enough to safety and be hauled to the shore by friends;

**WHEREAS**, thereafter, the exhausted lad was too weak to save himself and was simply washed away amid the torrent of water;

**WHEREAS**, his body was found by their neighbors several miles away the following day;

**WHEREAS**, Muelmar saved 30 persons in his neighborhood;

**WHEREAS**, his remains were laid in a coffin at a makeshift evacuation center near their Bagong Silangan, Quezon City riverside village;

**WHEREAS**, his father Samuel and mother Maria Luz described Muelmar as a good-hearted and incredibly brave person;

**WHEREAS**, Muelmar saved not only his family but his also neighbors, risking his life as many times as he went back to rescue them, ultimately sacrificing his life to give life to others;

**WHEREAS**, he assumed the supreme responsibility of a true hero, serving selflessly and dying for the sake of his fellowmen;

**WHEREAS**, the heroic deeds of Muelmar proves that anyone, regardless of age and stature in life, can make great things for our country and our people;

**WHEREAS**, he is both an inspiration and a challenge to all Filipinos to be a true citizen of our country by making a difference in the lives of our fellowmen in our own various little ways;

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to commend and honor the life of Muelmar Magallanes who sacrificed his life to save his family and neighbors who were victims of the flood brought by Typhoon Ondoy, exhibiting an exemplary essence of heroism.

*Adopted,*

  
**JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA**  
Senator