

SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 688

Submitted by the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture on  
OCT 06 2009

Re: Senate Joint Resolution No. 28

Recommending its approval with amendment

Sponsor: Senator Mar Roxas

**Mr. President:**

The Committee on Education, Arts and Culture to which was referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 28, introduced by Sen. Roxas, entitled:

"A JOINT RESOLUTION  
HONORING HER EXCELLENCY FORMER PRESIDENT  
CORAZON C. AQUINO FOR HER GREAT LEGACY TO THE  
NATION, WHICH INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, HER  
COURAGEOUS AND UNIFYING LEADERSHIP THAT INSPIRED  
THE 1986 EDSA REVOLUTION AND RESTORED  
CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE RULE OF LAW;  
AND HER STATESMANSHIP IN PEACEFULLY TRANSFERRING  
POWER TO HER SUCCESSOR AND DEDICATING HER LIFE TO  
THE SERVICE OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE, DECLARING FOR  
THIS PURPOSE, EVERY 25TH DAY OF JANUARY AS A  
NATIONAL CELEBRATION FOR THE CORY AQUINO DAY"

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendment:

After the paragraph "RESOLVED FURTHER, that every 25th day of January be declared..." and before the word "Adopted," insert another paragraph which shall read "*RESOLVED FINALLY, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MANDATES ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE IN THEIR CURRICULUM FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25, LESSONS ON THE LIFE OF CORY AQUINO, AND ACTIVITIES THAT WILL COMMEMORATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CORY AQUINO TO THE NATION AND THE CONTINUING STRUGGLE OF OUR COUNTRY FOR GENUINE DEMOCRACY.*"

Respectfully submitted:



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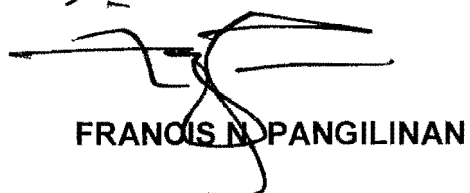
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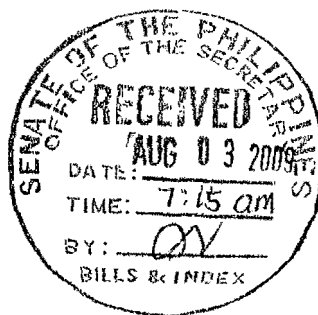
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JT. RES. NO. 28



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INTRODUCED BY THE HONORABLE MAR ROXAS

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

HONORING HER EXCELLENCY FORMER PRESIDENT CORAZON C. AQUINO FOR HER GREAT LEGACY TO THE NATION, WHICH INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, HER COURAGEOUS AND UNIFYING LEADERSHIP THAT INSPIRED THE 1986 EDSA REVOLUTION AND RESTORED CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE RULE OF LAW; AND HER STATESMANSHIP IN PEACEFULLY TRANSFERRING POWER TO HER SUCCESSOR AND DEDICATING HER LIFE TO THE SERVICE OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE, DECLARING FOR THIS PURPOSE, EVERY 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY AS A NATIONAL CELEBRATION FOR THE "CORY AQUINO DAY."

WHEREAS, Former President Corazon "Cory" C. Aquino, born on 25 January 1933, used to be a simple housewife to Senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino II, when she took up the challenge of leading our nation at a crucial juncture of Philippine history;

WHEREAS, in February 1986, Former President Cory Aquino's courageous battle against dictatorship and authoritarian rule inspired the 1986 People Power Revolution, a non-violent yet massive uprising by ordinary citizens to reclaim our country's freedom and bring about a peaceful transfer of power -- which became a shining symbol of the struggle for freedom of other peoples around the world;

WHEREAS, on 25 February 1986, Former President Cory Aquino was inaugurated as the first female President of the Philippines and was also considered as the first female President in Asia, who upon assumption of the presidency, single-mindedly steered the Filipino nation from a corrupt and abusive dictatorship back to democracy, constitutional order and the rule of law;

WHEREAS, Former President Cory Aquino has demonstrated in the clearest terms that steep moral values and strength of character are what our nation need in times of unabated corruption and political and social decay;

WHEREAS, in 1992, Former President Cory Aquino did not run for re-election, although not disqualified under the single-term limit provided under Section 4, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution, and instead peacefully transferred power to her successor, as she firmly believed that such single-term limit was a cornerstone of the 1987 Constitution, which she caused to be drafted and imposed upon herself as a standard of moral and political integrity;

WHEREAS, after the end of her term, Former President Cory Aquino retired to private life but continued to be an inspiration to every Filipino through her humanitarian and civic work;

WHEREAS, Former President Cory Aquino's name and legacy have been indelibly etched in the hearts of the Filipino people and nation, deserving no less than the highest admiration, respect and gratitude of all generations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Congress honors Her Excellency Former President Corazon C. Aquino for her great legacy to the nation, which include, among others, her courageous and unifying leadership that inspired the 1986 EDSA Revolution and restored constitutional government and the rule of law; and her statesmanship in peacefully transferring power to her successor and dedicating her life to the service of the Filipino people;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that every 25<sup>th</sup> day of January be declared as a national celebration for the "Cory Aquino Day."

Adopted,

  
M A R ROXAS  
Senador