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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES IN HONORING THE 103rd FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO

WHEREAS, July 27th marks the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo, commemorating the date the Church was registered with the Philippine government 103 years ago;

WHEREAS, Iglesia ni Cristo was founded in the Philippines in 1914 with the establishment of its first local congregation in Punta, Santa Ana, Manila, by its founder, Ka Felix Y. Manalo;

WHEREAS, Iglesia ni Cristo has since spread throughout the country, now becoming the third largest denomination in the Philippines with a membership of over two million Filipinos in about 104 ecclesiastical districts in the country;

WHEREAS, Iglesia ni Cristo continues to grow locally and overseas, comprising 110 nationalities and over 6,000 congregations in more than 100 countries and territories around the world;

WHEREAS, Iglesia ni Cristo's primary purpose is to serve and worship the Almighty God based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and his disciples as written in the Bible;

WHEREAS, Iglesia ni Cristo adheres to the "unadulterated teachings of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ" and strongly urges its vast following to submit to a life of piety and servitude anchored in Christian values and teachings;

WHEREAS, Iglesia ni Cristo continues to play a prominent role in the lives of many Filipinos, sharing hope, faith, and a life of holiness and service, and strengthening the country's moral and spiritual integrity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines expresses its full support and active participation in honoring the 103rd founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo.

Adopted,

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