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Introduced by Senator Magsaysay, Jr.

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE GAWAD KALINGA FOUNDATION INC. (GK) ON ITS SECOND YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT IN HUMANITARIAN ENDEAVOUR AND LIFTING THE FILIPINO SPIRIT OF BAYANIHAN

WHEREAS, the Gawad Kalinga, otherwise known as GK777, celebrated its second anniversary on October 4, 2005;

WHEREAS, GK777's vision is to build 700,000 homes in 7,000 communities in 7 years and as such, has transformed slums into beautiful, peaceful and productive communities through Bayanihan in action;

WHEREAS, Bayanihan is a Filipino value that has helped improve the lives of the poorest of the poor and inspired by the same tradition of Bayanihan, Gawad Kalinga has successfully built 570 communities or a total of 15,274 homes throughout the Philippines in partnership with 70 major corporations and international entities, and with more than 200 local government units;

WHEREAS, the work of Gawad Kalinga which began as a Christian response to the needs of the poor has now become a massive multi-sectoral and inter-faith effort to rebuild a nation;

WHEREAS, Gawad Kalinga calls on the heroism of every Filipino here and abroad to help alleviate poverty, making it a model for the upliftment of the quality of life and for the purpose, encourages people to protect and preserve the environment, adhere to a common value, and live and harmony with mutual respect, self-sufficient, and bound by a common love for God;

WHEREAS, GK transforms Filipinos' "survival mentality" to a life full of dignity through its various programs on TATAG (shelter and site development); SIBOL and SIGA (education), LUSOG, (health), KABUHAYAN (livelihood) and KAPITBAHAYAN (community empowerment): Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, FOR THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO COMMEND THE GAWAD KALINGA ON ITS SECOND YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT IN HUMANITARIAN ENDEAVOUR AND LIFTING THE FILIPINO SPIRIT OF BAYANIHAN.

Adopted,

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