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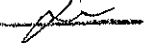
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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangillinan

A RESOLUTION CALLING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AND ALL LEVELS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL/LEARNING INSTITUTIONS TO CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK FROM DECEMBER 4 TO 10, 2005

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9201 declares December 4 to 10 as the National Human Rights Consciousness Week;

WHEREAS, the celebration of the National Human Rights Consciousness Week is in consonance with the United Nation's celebration of the International Human Rights Day on December 10, the day which marks the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations Assembly in 1948;

WHEREAS, the proclamation of Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a historic event for mankind as it consecrates legitimate and fundamental rights inherent to all of us as human beings "as a common standard to be achieved for all peoples and all nations".

WHEREAS, the Philippines is signatory to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other legal instruments upholding human rights, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Convention on the Rights of the Child, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, International Convention on the Protection of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, and Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment;

WHEREAS, in accordance with our international commitments, Article II, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution expressly states that "The state values the dignity of the human person and guarantees full respect for human rights."

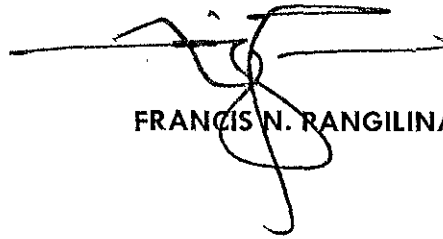
WHEREAS, the Constitution further provides for the protection of the rights of the family, including the right to a family living wage and income, rights of women, children, and laborers; the protection and the promotion of the people's right to health, a balanced and healthful ecology, as well as the recognition, respect and protection of the rights of indigenous cultural communities to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions and institutions;

WHEREAS, the celebration of the Human Rights Consciousness Week provides us with an opportunity to pay tribute to human rights victims, defenders and educators who, in their own ways, given their own difficult situations, contribute to building a universal culture of human rights;

WHEREAS, the celebration of the Human Rights Consciousness Week likewise reminds us of persisting human rights problems in our communities and in the world, and of the enormous efforts still required to make human rights a reality for all;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines hereby enjoins all government agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations, and all levels of educational/learning institutions to celebrate the Human Rights Consciousness Week from December 4 to 10, 2005.

ADOPTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis N. Rangilinan', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible due to its cursive nature.

FRANCIS N. RANGILINAN