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NECEVED BY:

Introduced by Senator Villar

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF PUBLISHER AND COLUMNIST MAXIMO V. SOLIVEN

WHEREAS, Maximo V. Soliven, publisher of the Philippine Star, one of the country's major daily newspapers, passed away on November 24, 2006 in Tokyo, Japan;

WHEREAS, he began his prolific career as a writer and journalist at the age of twenty, as associate editor of *The Sentinel*; became a police and political reporter for the *Manila Chronicle* at the age of twenty five; then as business editor of the Manila Times from 1957 to 1960; he likewise became the publisher and editor of *The Evening News*;

WHEREAS, Soliven's work earned him multiple awards, such as Chevalier of the National Order of Merit of the French Republic presented to him in 1991 by French President Francois Mitterand; was conferred the rank of Encomendero de la Orden Isabel la Catolica from no less than King Juan Carlos of Spain; and he was also awarded Journalist of the Year by the National Press Club which was presented by his former teacher Henry Kissinger;

WHEREAS, having spent more than twelve years as a foreign correspondent, he has covered some of the world's major turning events such as the Vietnam War, 1968 Tet Offensive, Gestapu Coup in Indonesia and had earned an exclusive when he watched the detonation of the first atomic bomb in the People's Republic of China;

WHEREAS, in 1972, he was incarcerated and banned from writing for seven years for being one of those who fearlessly wrote against the tyrannical government;

WHEREAS, as the publisher of one of the country's largest newspaper, he is perceived as the nation's most influential columnist due to his insightful analysis and rationales of political and economic events;

WHEREAS, a multi-awarded journalist and an icon in the field of journalism, his opinions and critiques will continue to have a vital role in shaping the nation's future political landscape: Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolence on the death of Maximo V. Soliven.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished his bereaved family.

Adopted,

MANNY VILLAR

Sanator