

against TB. The organization invested millions of dollars for TB projects through the support of generous donors all over the world that help thousands of TB patients and their families. **World Vision** was also instrumental in developing the first ever TB in Children Treatment protocols for public practitioners, which the Department of Health and the World Health Organization approved and is presently being rolled out and promoted by the DoH all over the country;

WHEREAS, World Vision also responds to child labor issues by directly assisting more than 50,000 child laborers from different parts of the country through its *Pag-aaral ng Bata para sa Kinabukasan* (ABK) Project, a special project for combating child labor through education. With millions of dollars in funding and in collaboration with other child-focused NGOs, the ABK Project is present in 10 provinces, 19 municipalities and 16 cities nationwide. This is done in collaboration with the Department of Labor and Employment and the Department of Education;

WHEREAS, World Vision's contribution to peace building especially in the southern part of the country has made a difference especially in improving the relationships of Christians, Muslims and Indigenous People; also known as "tri-people" group. Interfaith dialogues are facilitated leading to the organization of Interfaith Groups in different parts of Mindanao. Children are also engaged in ways appropriate to their age and capacity as peace advocates. As result, a sponsored child of **World Vision** received an award from Civicus World Assembly in Finland as ambassador of peace;

WHEREAS, World Vision continues its wholistic ministry to achieve fullness of life for every child in 31 provinces and 38 cities all over the country with more than 110,000 currently sponsored children supported by an annual budget of over US\$20 million;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines expresses its sense that the Philippine government formally acknowledge the contributions of **World Vision** in the Philippines, to congratulate the organization on the occasion of its golden anniversary celebration this December 2007 and to recognize its fifty years of ministry to the Filipino people especially among the children and the poorest of the poor.

Adopted.


MANNY VILLAR
Senator