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Introduced by **SENATOR RICHARD J. GORDON**

**RESOLUTION HONORING WORLD RED CROSS
RED CRESCENT DAY.**

WHEREAS, World Red Cross Red Crescent Day will be observed on May 8, 2008;

WHEREAS, May 8 marks the birth of Henry Dunant, the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross, who began advocating for the humane treatment of the wartime sick and wounded after witnessing the atrocities at the Battle of Solferino in 1859;

WHEREAS, World Red Cross Red Crescent Day is celebrated by many of the 185 Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies throughout the world and more than 95 chapters and sub-chapters throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, through the motivation and action of its volunteers and donors, the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) and its partners worldwide pay tribute to Henry Dunant's legacy by helping those in need and protecting human dignity for all;

WHEREAS, the International Movement of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies is guided by the fundamental principles of Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality;

WHEREAS, the PNRC, as part of the International Movement of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, helps vulnerable people and communities in the Philippines and around the world to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, complex humanitarian emergencies, and life-threatening health conditions;

WHEREAS, the PNRC is uniquely positioned to save lives through the vast network of volunteers in the Philippines and the millions more who render their humanitarian services through the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement located in nearly every country in the world;

WHEREAS, in 2004 and 2005, the PNRC responded to international disasters and gave relief to the victims of natural disasters such as the earthquake in

Pakistan, the tsunami disasters in South and Southeast Asia and hurricane Katrina in the United States;

WHEREAS, the PNRC even became a donor society when it also contributed monetary resources to alleviate the suffering of victims of the South Asian tsunami and hurricane Katrina;

WHEREAS, the PNRC is now poised to provide all available assistance at its disposal to the victims of the recent tropical cyclone that tore into Myanmar that as of the last estimate has already claimed the lives of 22,000 people; left 41,000 missing and rendered up to 1 million more homeless;

WHEREAS, the PNRC continues to secure the services of millions of volunteers in every barangay in the country to address the humanitarian challenge;

WHEREAS, the PNRC has built 13,000 homes all over the country, constructed schools, health centers, playing fields and barangay halls, donated hospital equipment and vehicles in pursuit of its humanitarian work;

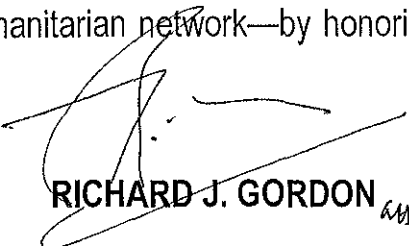
WHEREAS, the PNRC continues to provide safe blood to those in need and training for disaster response and management, conducts rescue and rehabilitation in major disasters that hit the country, both natural and man-made, tracing services for families and reunited Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) from all over the world with their relatives and loved ones at home;

WHEREAS, the PNRC has spurred the economic upliftment of farmers and rural workers in North Cotabato and Sulu through its Fruits of Hope program, which has won the prestigious Anvil Award for its innovative approach to providing access of agricultural products from these areas to urban markets and consumers;

WHEREAS, World Red Cross Red Crescent Day will honor the efforts of Red Cross workers and volunteers who work tirelessly to alleviate human suffering: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate support the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement—the world's largest humanitarian network—by honoring World Red Cross Red Crescent Day,

Adopted.



RICHARD J. GORDON *RJG*