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**Introduced by Senate President Manny Villar**

**RESOLUTION**

**TO SUPPORT THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) DECLARATION URGING ALL PARLIAMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 AS PROCLAIMED BY THE UNITED NATIONS (UN)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly declared September 15 as International Day of Democracy, inviting all member states, organizations, non-governmental organizations and individuals to commemorate the first International Day of Democracy in an appropriate manner that contributes to raising public awareness;

**WHEREAS**, the event coincides with the anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy which was adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union on September 16, 1997;

**WHEREAS**, while the UN re-affirms democracy as a universal value based on the freely expressed will of people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and the IPU recognizes Parliament as the central institution within a democracy through which the will of the people is expressed, laws are passed, and government is held to account, both the UN and the IPU encourages member states to focus their agenda of the International Day of Democracy celebration to activities and issues relevant to the various parts of population, including the marginalized and poor people;

**WHEREAS**, as a member state of the UN and the IPU, there is a need to support and participate in the global commemoration of International Day of Democracy by devoting programs in promoting democracy, freedom, equality, participation, development, respect for human rights and fundamental freedom and the rule of law: *Now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, to support, as it hereby supports, the Inter-Parliamentary Union declaration urging all parliaments to participate in the celebration the first International Day of Democracy on September 15, 2008 as proclaimed by the United Nations.

Adopted,

  
**MANNY VILLAR**  
Senate President