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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

## RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE 108<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO, COMMENDING THE LEADERSHIP OF KA EDUARDO V. MANALO, AND RECOGNIZING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE FILIPINO NATION AND THE WORLD

**WHEREAS**, the Iglesia ni Cristo is a global Christian religion that adheres to the doctrines of the Almighty God based on the teachings of Jesus Christ as chronicled in the Bible;

**WHEREAS**, as embodied in RA 9645 declaring July 27 as Commemoration of the Founding Anniversary of Iglesia ni Cristo Act, the country commemorates the establishment of the Iglesia ni Cristo's first local congregation in 1914 in Punta, Santa Ana, Manila by its founder, Ka Felix Ysagun Manalo;

**WHEREAS**, a century and eight years after Ka Felix founded the Iglesia ni Cristo, it has grown to an estimate of more than 3 million members worldwide composed of 149 racial and ethnic backgrounds in nearly 7,000 congregations and missions from more than 161 nations and territories all subscribing to the wisdoms and principles of its Church;

**WHEREAS**, the Iglesia ni Cristo remains a stalwart religious umbrella that is influential in shaping the country's moral fiber and spiritual integrity while fulfilling its mission of sharing the gospel of salvation to all and enriching the devotion and belief of its Church members through continuing religious education;

**WHEREAS**, aside from sharing the teachings of Christ, the Iglesia ni Cristo has taken a massive part in extending assistance to those in need through missions such as their community and housing projects which provide refuge for victims of religious persecution, displaced survivors of the Mount Pinatubo eruption, victims of typhoon Yolanda, among many beneficiaries, and Iglesia ni Cristo's *Lingap sa Mamamayan* or Aid for Humanity Program, an outreach program that provides assistance to those in need not only to Filipinos but people all over the world;

**WHEREAS**, through the leadership and direction of its Executive Minister, Ka Eduardo V. Manalo, the Iglesia ni Cristo continues to constantly widen its reach, expand in number, and remain an influential religious edifier;

**NOW,** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines commemorates the 108<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo, commends the leadership of Ka Eduardo V. Manalo, and recognizes its contribution to the Filipino nation and the world.

Adopted,

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

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