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RESOLUTION  
HONORING AND REMEMBERING ROLAND DANTES FOR HIS  
ACHIEVEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE FILIPINO MARTIAL ARTS OF  
KALI, ESCRIMA AND ARNIS

**WHEREAS**, on 16 March 2009, the country lost one of its pillars in Filipino Martial Arts (FMA) and movie industry, *Roland Dantes* who passed away after succumbing to heart failure at the age of 67;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dantes, who carried the rank of Grand Master in the Filipino Martial Arts, was an internationally-renowned martial artist and action star and main exponent of modern Arnis founded by the late Grandmaster Remy Amador Presas;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dantes, who trained under the tutelage of the late Presas, founded the Philippine Council of Kali, Escrima and Arnis Masters to propagate the Filipino Martial Arts;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dantes held the distinction of starring in the first full-length movie about Arnis entitled, *Arnis: The Sticks of Death* which was released in 1984;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dantes was also a world-class bodybuilder who won the title of Mr. Philippines five times from 1969 to 1980 making him a Hall of Famer in the Mr. Philippines bodybuilding tilt and represented the country in the Mr. Universe and Mr. World international competitions;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dantes was advocating for the inclusion of Arnis in the high school physical education curriculum and as a regular competition sport in the Southeast Asian Games, thus, some sports columnists in the Philippines dubbed him as the *Ambassador for Arnis*;

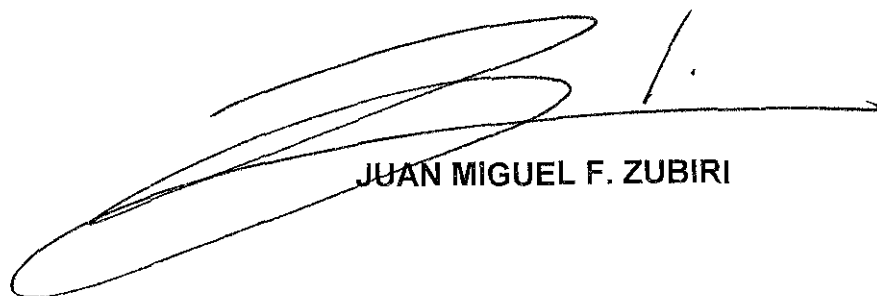
**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dantes, who was based in Australia teaching the Filipino Martial Arts there and in other countries, prior to his death, was preparing a video and book version of the Filipino martial arts to be published in Australia;

**WHEREAS**, at the time of his death, Mr. Dantes was busy organizing Arnis workshops all over the country and vowed to reinvigorate the Filipino Martial Arts in the Philippines;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the Senate of the Philippines honors and remembers Rolad Dantes, for his achievement and contribution to the Filipino Martial Arts of Kali, Escrima and Arnis.

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that a copy of this Resolution be given to the family of the late Mr. Dantes.

Adopted,



**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**