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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENATE'S DEEP SYMPATHIES FOR THE DEATH OF FATHER
FAUSTINO "POPS" TENTORIO AND HONORING HIM FOR HIS SELFLESS
DEDICATION TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2011, at 7:30 am, Father Faustino "Pops" Tentorio, 59 years old and a member of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (PIME), was gunned down by a lone assassin inside the Mother of Perpetual Help Church compound in Arakan, North Cotabato;

WHEREAS, Father Pops was about to ride his pickup truck to attend a meeting of the clergy, when an unidentified gunman approached him and shot him in the head and torso with a 9 mm pistol;

WHEREAS, on the day of his murder, Father Pops was reported to hold a meeting on plans to build a consortium that would set up an educational program for the Lumads in the area;

WHEREAS, for 33 years, despite the death threats he received, Father Pops served as a mentor to indigenous peoples (IPs) as he dedicated his life in serving the poor, in upholding their rights and in providing them with access to education and livelihood opportunities;

WHEREAS, during his stay in the Philippines, Father Pops had built several day care and training centers in Arakan and in Kitaotao, Bukidnon;

WHEREAS, Father Pops created the Tinananon-Kulamanon Lumadnong Panaghiusa (TIKULPA), an association of IP groups active in defending and asserting the rights of the Lumad communities;

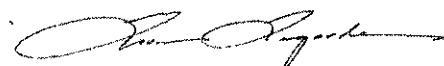
WHEREAS, on October 7, 2003, Father Pops had narrowly escaped death in an ambush orchestrated by the "Bagani" group, allegedly created by the military to fight insurgents in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, Father Pops is the third PIME missionary to be brutally killed in the country;

WHEREAS, Father Pops should be an inspiration for his unwavering service to the less privileged Filipinos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate expresses its deep sympathies for the death of Father Faustino "Pops" Tentorio and honors him for his selfless dedication to promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples.

Adopted,



LOREN LEGARDA

Senator