




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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES WITH OUR MUSLIM BRETHREN IN THE COMMEMORATION AND OBSERVANCE OF THE EID AL-ADHA

WHEREAS, September 12 of this year marks the "Festival of the Sacrifice" or the Eid al-Adha that commemorates the end of Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca of our Muslim brothers and sisters;

WHEREAS, the Eid al-Adha celebrates Ibrahim's devotion to Allah by honoring the day he submitted himself to God's command to sacrifice his most precious possession, his son, as an act of submission and obedience;

WHEREAS, during this Islamic festivity, a number of traditions are strictly observed such as the collaborative efforts to partake of sacrificial meal with the needy, or the donation to charity to provide meat for the impoverished, and chanting of the takbir out loud before the Eid prayers on the first day and after prayers throughout the four days of Eid;

WHEREAS, with followers of more than 10.3 million Filipinos as of 2012¹, Islam is the second largest religion in the Philippines and the oldest recorded monotheistic religion in the country;

WHEREAS, 28.26% of the world's population, or about 2.08 billion, in the world as of 2014 observe the Eid al-Adha every year and our Muslim brethren play a very critical role in the political, social and economic scene, and in advancing the growth of our economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines express solidarity with our Muslim brethren in the commemoration and observance of the Eid al-Adha.

Adopted,


JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

¹ Philippines 2012 International Religious Freedom Report. <<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/208472.pdf>>