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## RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE 108<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (INC), RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE LEADERSHIP OF KA EDUARDO V. MANALO

**WHEREAS,** Iglesia ni Cristo (INC) is one of the biggest church congregations in the Philippines, with established churches around the world. The church has its beginnings in Punta, Sta Ana, Manila and now present in 161 countries and territories - in North and South America, Europe, Australia, Asia, and Africa, with nearly almost 7000 churches;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS,** it was founded by Ka Felix Manalo, who they considered as the "angel from the east" and the "last messenger of God", on July 27,1914. INC has celebrated its centennial anniversary last 2014;

WHEREAS, the theology of INC is described as "unitarian" and non-TrinitarianJesus Christ is God's chosen son but not himself God;

**WHEREAS,** INC is not only committed in sharing the teachings of the church but has been undertaking programs and projects that have immensely contributed to the betterment of the community;

**WHEREAS**, through the leadership of Ka Eduardo V. Manalo, the INC has been victorious in the several programs and projects that promote the welfare most specially of the needy. Some of these are the Aid to Humanity or the Lingap sa

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://iglesianicristo.net/inc-continues-outreach-on-remote-islands-in-the-visayas-provinces-affected-by-typhoon-odette/

Mamamayan, building of resettlement and housing units for the victims of calamities in the different parts of the country, provision of various livelihood projects and jobs, medical-dental missions, and giving of other assistance to indigents and indigenous people all over the country;

**WHEREAS,** on June 12, 2009, Congress has enacted Republic Act (RA) No. 9645 declaring every July 27 of every year as a Special National Working Holiday to commemorate the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo.

**WHEREAS,** it is paramount to recognize the efforts and leadership of Ka Eduard Manalo and the Iglesia Ni Cristo for their significant role in the Philippine society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines commemorate the 108<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC), recognizing and commending the leadership of Ka Eduardo V. Manalo.

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