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RESOLUTION No. 163

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

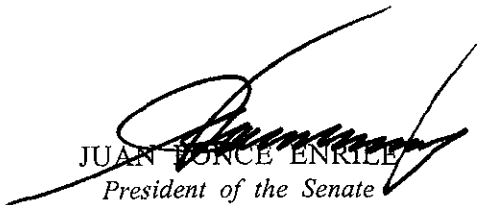
WHEREAS, prior to his death, Mr. Dantes, who was based in Australia teaching the Filipino Martial Arts there and in other countries, was preparing a video and book version of the Filipino martial arts to be published in Australia;

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 honor and remember Roland 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 TORCE ENRIQUE
 President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on
April 15, 2009.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate

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