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## Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

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## RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE 105<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (INC), COMMENDING THE LEADERSHIP OF KA EDUARDO V. MANALO, AND RECOGNIZING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE FILIPINO AND THE WORLD

**WHEREAS**, the Iglesia ni Cristo is a global Christian religion that adheres to the doctrines of the Almighty God based on His teachings as recorded and documented in the Bible;

**WHEREAS**, July 27<sup>th</sup> of each year celebrates Ka Felix Y. Manalo's establishment of Iglesia ni Cristo's first local congregation in 1914 in Punta, Santa Ana, Manila;

**WHEREAS**, five years and a century after Ka Felix founded the Iglesia ni Cristo, it has expanded to include close to 3 million members worldwide composed of 147 different nationalities in nearly 7,000 congregations and missions from more than 152 nations and territories all subscribing to the wisdoms and principles of its Church;

**WHEREAS**, the Iglesia ni Cristo remains a stalwart religious umbrella that is influential in shaping the country's moral fiber and spiritual integrity while fulfilling its mission of sharing the gospel of salvation to all and enriching the devotion and belief of its Church members through continuing religious education;

**WHEREAS**, aside from sharing the teachings of Christ, the Iglesia ni Cristo has taken a massive part in extending assistance to those in need through missions such as the Lingap sa Mamamayan or Aid for Humanity Program, an integrated socio-civic service that offers medical and dental services and blood donation drives, provides reinforcement in times of calamity and disaster, and gives assistance to the needy, which has benefited not only Filipinos but people all over the world, from victims of calamities to indigents and indigenous peoples across the globe;

**WHEREAS**, through the leadership and direction of its Executive Minister, Ka Eduardo V. Manalo, the Iglesia ni Cristo continues to constantly widen its reach, expand in number, and remains an influential religious edifier;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines commemorates the 105<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC), commends the leadership of Ka Eduardo V. Manalo, and recognizes its contribution to the Filipino and the world.

Adopted,

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI