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SENATE

P. S. Res. No. <u>471</u>



Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

RESOLUTION

REMEMBERING THE 125TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 10, 2011 OF KA FELIX MANALO, FOUNDER OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO,

WHEREAS, Ka Felix Ysagun Manalo was born in Barrio Calzada, Tipas, Taguig on May 10, 1886 to his father Mariano Ysagun and mother Bonifacia Manalo;

WHEREAS, Ka Felix was an obedient and loving son who helped his parents sustain their family needs by working at an early age as a herd boy, an apprentice photographer and a young entrepreneur selling hats;

WHEREAS, Ka Felix founded the Iglesia ni Cristo as an indigenous religious group after years of study at the Presbyterian Bible School, Manila College of the Bible and as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Seventh Day Adventists;

WHEREAS, Ka Felix established the first Iglesia Ni Cristo church in Punta, Sta. Ana with just five adherents and later registered the same in July 27, 1914 at the Bureau of Commerce with himself as the first Executive Minister;

WHEREAS, Ka Felix was steeped in the practice of evangelizing and missionary work that he soon expanded the Iglesia Ni Cristo throughout the Philippines establishing 1,250 local chapters with 35 cathedrals within 49 years of preaching;

WHEREAS, ka Felix left a legacy that will endure throughout the years with the presence of Iglesia Ni Cristo in 75 countries worldwide;

WHEREAS, Ka Felix enhanced the culture and socio-political history of the Philippines by strengthening the Christian praxis and faith of Filipinos worldwide;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines remembers the 125th birth anniversary on May 10, 2011 of Ka Felix Manalo, founder of the Iglesia Ni Cristo.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the family of the late Ka Felix Manalo.

Adopted,

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI