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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Martin L. Pimentel III

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RESOLUTION

**COMMENDING CARLOS "KESZ" VALDEZ FOR WINNING THE  
2012 INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S PEACE PRIZE IN RECOGNITION OF  
HIS OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF  
THOUSANDS OF STREET CHILDREN BY TEACHING THEM THEIR RIGHTS  
AND BY INSPIRING THEM TO LIVE BETTER LIVES**

**WHEREAS**, Carlos "Kesz" Valdez, a thirteen year old boy from Cavite, was once a street child himself and a victim of physical abuse;

**WHEREAS**, Valdez, at an early age of seven, started his own organization, the *Championing Community Children*, with the purpose of giving hope to the street children and inspiring them to live better lives;

**WHEREAS**, Valdez has helped more than 10,000 street children by distributing "HOPE GIFTS," packages with slippers, clothing, soap, toothbrushes and toys;

**WHEREAS**, Valdez has educated these children on good hygiene, proper nutrition, and their rights as children;

**WHEREAS**, for his outstanding and extraordinary effort in transforming not only his own life but the lives of thousands of children that he has helped, Valdez won the prestigious International Children's Peace Prize 2012, given at the Ridderzaal in The Hague on 19 September 2012;

**WHEREAS**, the International Children's Peace Prize, launched in 2005 by Mikhail Gorbachev during the 2005 Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates, is presented annually to an exceptional child, whose courageous or otherwise remarkable actions have made a difference in countering problems, which affect children around the world;

**WHEREAS**, Valdez is not only the first Filipino but also the first southeast Asian to receive this award;

**WHEREAS**, Valdez, in receiving the said citation, has become an icon of a Filipino child, inspiring all of us to become a hope to the hopeless and a voice for the voiceless;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,  
THAT THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES COMMENDS CARLOS "KESZ"  
VALDEZ FOR WINNING THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S PEACE PRIZE**

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN IMPROVING THE  
QUALITY OF LIFE OF THOUSANDS OF STREET CHILDREN BY TEACHING  
THEM THEIR RIGHTS AND BY INSPIRING THEM TO LIVE BETTER LIVES.

*Adopted,*

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