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House Resolution No. 654

Introduced by CIBAC Party-List Representatives
Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva and Domingo C. Rivera

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALL THE DIFFERENT, DISTINCT,
AUTONOMOUS AND INDEPENDENT FILIPINO BAPTIST CHURCHES
IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE 120TH YEAR SINCE THE
FOUNDING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF BAPTIST CHURCHES IN
THE COUNTRY AND RECOGNIZING THEIR VALUABLE
CONTRIBUTION TO GOOD GOVERNANCE AND NATION-BUILDING**

WHEREAS, the Baptists are believers of the Lord Jesus Christ who hold that salvation can only be obtained not by religion but through faith and personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ;

WHEREAS, the distinctive theology of Baptist churches is the baptism in water of its members – a personal but public profession of faith to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior – and their commitment to obey the teachings of the Holy Bible as the supreme authority in the matters of faith and life;

WHEREAS, the Baptist churches in the Philippines began to be organized and established in 1900 when Baptist missionaries from the American land started to distribute and teach the Bible to Filipinos in Visayas;

WHEREAS, since then, Baptist missionaries travelled around the country to preach the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ, and established

churches that now serve as centers of worship and Bible study in making disciples among Filipinos;

WHEREAS, aside from their leading of Filipinos towards God and teaching them the Holy Bible, Baptist churches have also founded educational institutions like the Central Philippines University (Iloilo City) and Filamer Christian University (Roxas City), to name a few, which significantly contributed advances in the educational and medical fields in the country;

WHEREAS, more than the churches and the educational institutions they have established, Baptist churches taught their members to believe and be committed in proclaiming throughout the nation that knowing, understanding and practicing Biblical principles and standards are requisites of being blessed by God, both individually and collectively as a people;

WHEREAS, Baptist members are also taught to commit to actively work with the government and the duly constituted authorities in promoting the general welfare and interest of our countrymen and ensuring honesty and integrity in the public services;

WHEREAS, the Baptist churches' contribution to nation-building is not only confined to the walls of their churches because it also continuously guides and shapes the conduct of government affairs in the country through its members who have dedicated their lives to public service and who are strategically positioned in different government posts;

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2020, a historic event dubbed as the "National Baptist Day" and attended by more than 5,000 Baptist pastors and church leaders from all over the country, was held in Pasay City to celebrate the 120th year of presence and establishment of Baptist Churches in the country;

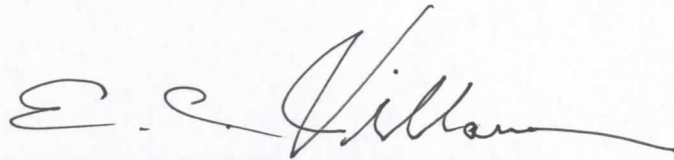
WHEREAS, the event, which had the theme "*Philippines, My Heart's Desire*" that underscored Biblical patriotism and love for country among every Baptist leader and laity as well, was organized and hosted by Bible Believers League for Morality and Democracy (BIBLEMODE) International, Incorporated – a socio-civic arm of Baptist churches founded in 1986 and is headed by a colleague in the 18th Congress House of Representatives, no other than the Honorable Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante, Jr.;

WHEREAS, on the occasion and celebration of its 120th year since its establishment in the country, it is just but proper that all Filipino Baptist

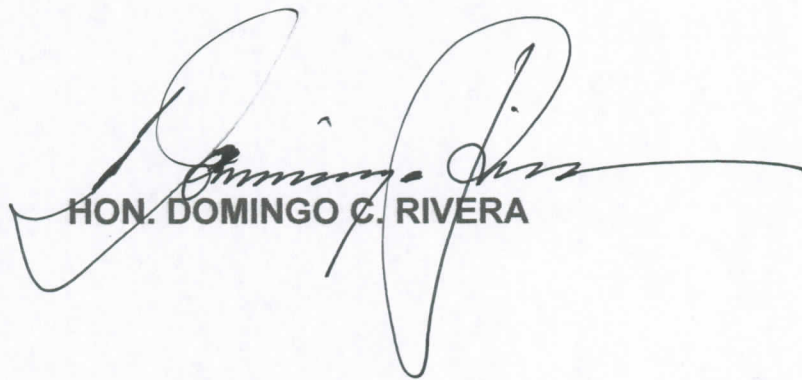
Churches – distinct, autonomous and independent they may be – be commended and recognized for their significant contribution to the Philippines;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives commends all the different, distinct, autonomous, and independent Filipino Baptist Churches in the Philippines in the celebration of their 120th year of establishment and presence in the country and recognizes their valuable contribution to governance and nation-building.

Adopted,

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HON. EDUARDO "BRO. EDDIE" C. VILLANUEVA

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