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House Resolution No. 1524

Introduced by **DIWA Party-list Representative Emmeline Y. Aglipay**

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA FILIPINA INDEPENDIENTE,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENT CHURCH, ON THE
CELEBRATION OF ITS 109th ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 3, 2011**

WHEREAS, the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, also known as the Philippine Independent Church, having been part of a nationalist struggle against the Americans and the Spaniards, was founded in the early 20th century as an answer to racial discrimination and friar domination in the 19th century;

WHEREAS, the end goal of the establishment of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente was the Filipinization of the Church;

WHEREAS, throughout the years of its establishment, the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, under the leadership of the Obispo Maximos, sought for continuous national democracy through its rituals, music and worship;

WHEREAS, during the time of American colonialism, the Iglesia Filipina Independiente has been in the forefront of expressing its opposition to the colonial structure through its support of peasant uprisings and political resistance;

WHEREAS, the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, having been part of our nation's history, had taken its stand on socio-political issues that have plagued our country, most especially during the Martial Law years;

WHEREAS, for decades, the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, have made numerous contributions to the empowerment of its people by allowing their participation in the governance of its Church;

WHEREAS, not only has this Church contributed to its congregation of men and women, but also awakened the spirit of courage of the Filipino people especially during the time of the Spaniards which contributed to the rich history of the Philippines;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved that, the House of Representatives congratulates the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, otherwise known as the Philippine Independent Church, for the celebration of its 109th founding anniversary on August 3, 2011;

WHEREFORE, be it finally resolved, upon the adoption of this resolution by the 15th Congress of the House of Representatives, an appropriate copy shall be given to the representatives of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente.

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