

Senate Resolution 850

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Seay of the 34th, Parent of the 42nd, Harrell of the 40th,
Jackson of the 2nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Fernando Feliciano "Sonny" Racimo Belmonte Jr. on his
2 outstanding public service as a member of the Philippine House of Representatives and as
3 Mayor of Quezon City; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Fernando Feliciano "Sonny" Racimo Belmonte Jr. has long been recognized for
5 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
6 welfare of the citizens of the Philippines; and

7 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
8 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and country as evidenced
9 dramatically by his superlative service with the Philippine House of Representatives and his
10 mayorship of Quezon City; and

11 WHEREAS, Feliciano was first elected as member of the Philippine House of
12 Representatives in 1992 and served three consecutive terms; and

13 WHEREAS, he was the Speaker of the House of Representatives in 2001, and also served
14 as House Minority Leader; and

15 WHEREAS, during his time as congressman he authored and co-authored several major bills
16 including General Appropriations Acts, the Act Providing for a Dual System of Education,
17 the Act Creating the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, and the Salary
18 Standardization Law; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2001, he was elected as Mayor of Quezon City and during his nine years in
20 office, he transformed Quezon City into the most competitive city of Metro Manila and
21 second in the Philippines today through prudent fiscal management, aggressive tax
22 management strategies, as well as increasing efficiency and discipline in the management
23 and use of city resources; and

24 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
25 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom
26 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
27 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

28 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
29 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
31 remarkable and distinguished gentleman be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize and commend Fernando Feliciano "Sonny" Racimo Belmonte Jr. for his efficient,
34 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the Philippines and extend the most
35 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Fernando
38 Feliciano "Sonny" Racimo Belmonte Jr.