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Introduced by HON. DEOGRACIAS VICTOR "DV" B. SAVELLANO

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### A RESOLUTION

#### PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS PHILIPPINE BAMBOO MONTH

**WHEREAS**, bamboo is the ubiquitous construction material of the country particularly in the rural areas and millions of Filipino farmers and fisher folks depend for their livelihood on bamboo;

**WHEREAS**, the world-famous Bamboo Organ can be found only in the Philippines, many musical instruments are made of bamboo and famous Filipino bands use only musical instruments made of bamboo;

**WHEREAS**, the uses of bamboo in the country span from crib to grave and millions of Filipinos cannot go about their daily chores without using one or two utensils made of bamboo;

**WHEREAS**, bamboo shoots are providing nutritious food not only in the rural areas but also as ingredient in recipes in expensive and leading restaurants in the country;

**WHEREAS**, world famous furniture and handicrafts from the Philippines are made of bamboo and it is becoming a medium for carving;

**WHEREAS**, bamboo is very effective in controlling soil erosion and in land restoration, sequester carbon and absorb heavy metals in mined-out areas;

**WHEREAS**, bamboo has high potential as a raw material for pulp and paper, textile, engineered bamboo, beverages, and for fuel;

**WHEREAS**, bamboo contributes to dollar revenues of the country, and its processing provides sizable employment;

**WHEREAS**, the resiliency of bamboo against various environmental disasters represent the resilient spirit of the Filipino against similar vicissitudes in life;

**WHEREAS**, ten years ago, countries around the world celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> World Bamboo Day in Bangkok and the dedicated day to honor bamboo --- September 18 is gaining momentum around the world.

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 879 dated May 14, 2010 of then President, Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, created the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council to provide the over-all policy and program directions of the program for all stakeholder;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to promote into the consciousness of the Filipino people the importance of bamboo in their daily lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as it is hereby resolved that the month of **September** of every year be proclaimed as Bamboo Month and celebrated by all agencies of government including Local Government Units (LGUs) by planting bamboo in suitable areas within their jurisdiction.

**BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER** that a law be crafted and passed in Congress to address the issues raised.



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