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RESOLUTION NO. 63

RESOLUTION COMMENDING FATHER PIERRE TRITZ, SJ IN RECOGNITION OF HIS NOBLE DEEDS AND DEVOTING SIXTY YEARS OF SELFLESS SERVICE IN HELPING DISADVANTAGED FILIPINO CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL AND GIVING THEM OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE BETTER LIVES

WHEREAS, Fr. Pierre Tritz, a French-born Jesuit, entered the Society of Jesus in October 1933, to devote his life to helping poor children gain access to education;

WHEREAS, Fr. Pierre Tritz, SJ came to the Philippines in 1950, and devoted his life in the service of the poor Filipino

children, uplifting the plight of disadvantaged children and helping them achieve formal schooling;

WHEREAS, in 1974, Fr. Pierre Tritz, SJ gave up his French citizenship to become a naturalized Filipino, and to work full time with children in poor communities through the Educational Research and Development Assistance Foundation (ERDA) which he established to provide educational assistance to children of poor families and help them finish basic education;

WHEREAS, Fr. Pierre Tritz, SJ founded three more organizations, namely, The Foundation for the Assistance to Hansenites (1978) to help the Department of Health in its fight against the eradication and control of leprosy in the country, the ERDA Tech Foundation (1993) which was an innovative technical vocational secondary school where children from very poor families were able to earn a high school education and learn employable skills at the same time, and the Albert Schweitzer Association Philippines (1995) which assisted children-in-conflict with the law, helped children prisoners get out of jail and reintegrate them back to society;

WHEREAS, the three organizations were later consolidated into what is now called the ERDA Group, which is composed of highly driven and committed individuals, who generously give their time to provide education and training programs to the unschooled children in the communities;

WHEREAS, the ERDA has for the past 35 years partnered with NGOs and institutions, and helped more than 430,000 poor Filipino children go back to school;

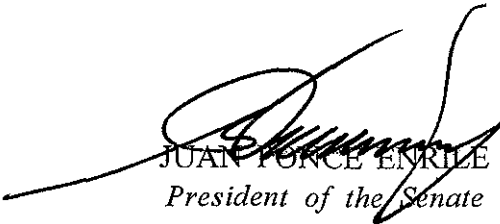
WHEREAS, Fr. Pierre Tritz, SJ, born in Bouzonville, France on September 19, 1914, remains driven and motivated to continue his life of service devoted to saving out-of-school youth and sending underprivileged children to school;

WHEREAS Fr. Pierre Tritz, SJ is truly a man of character and a man of God whose noble deeds and outstanding achievements are worthy of emulation and distinction and whose contributions to the Filipino people and

the country are invaluable and greatly appreciated: Now, therefore, be it


Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend Father Pierre Tritz, SJ for his noble deeds and devoting sixty years of selfless service in helping the disadvantaged Filipino children go to school and giving them opportunities to have better lives.

Adopted,



JUAN PONCE ENRILE
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 20, 2011.



EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate