

Republic of the Philippines
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Senate

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RESOLUTION No. 80

**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING SENATOR EDGARDO JAVIER
ANGARA FOR BEING THE FIRST ASIAN TO
BE APPOINTED CORRESPONDING
ACADEMIC MEMBER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS
*REAL ACADEMIA HISPANO AMERICANA DE
CIENCIAS, ARTES Y LETRAS* OR THE
HISPANO-AMERICAN ROYAL ACADEMY OF
ARTS, SCIENCES AND LETTERS**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for bringing home pride and glory to the country;

WHEREAS, the distinguished legislator from Aurora, Senator Edgardo Javier Angara, was appointed Corresponding

Academic Member of the prominent *Real Academia Hispano Americana de Ciencias, Artes y Letras* or the Hispano-American Royal Academy of Arts, Sciences and Letters in February 2012;

WHEREAS, Senator Edgardo Javier Angara owns the distinction of being the first Asian to be appointed to this prestigious Royal Academy which is one of Spain's leading institutions of humanities;

WHEREAS, the appointment is a fitting recognition of Senator Edgardo Javier Angara's invaluable contributions towards revitalizing and strengthening the Philippines' relations with Spain, Mexico and other Latin American nations;

WHEREAS, he is a recipient of numerous distinctions such as being the first Southeast Asian to be awarded Spain's foreign policy award, the *Premio Casa Asia* in 2010, the *Commandeur de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques*, an Order of Chivalry of France for academics and cultural and academic figures, for his contributions to promoting excellence in higher education, and that he is also the official representative of the Philippines to the *Unión Latina*, an organization consisting of 37 member-nations of the neo-Latin languages;

WHEREAS, Senator Edgardo Javier Angara's illustrious career as a public servant and a legislator was marked with significant achievements, having fathered if not the most meaningful and sensible legislations that earned him his many monickered personalities such as Father of Senior Citizens, Senator-Farmer, Mr. Electoral Reforms, Edong Educator, Mr. PhilHealth Provider, Absentee-Voters Advocate, among others;

WHEREAS Senator Edgardo Javier Angara likewise distinguished himself as an erudite academician culminated by his appointment as President of the University of the Philippines which saw much of the dramatic and significant reforms towards making the state university a premier educational institution;

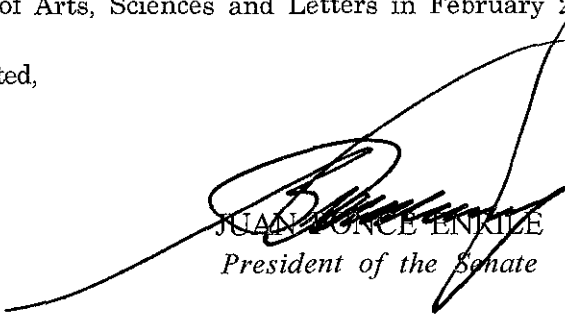
WHEREAS, this recognition adds to the swelling number of achievements of the illustrious career of this public

servant who has made himself known to be a leader who has inspired so many, a learned scholar of righteous principles, a gentleman who seeks only what is right, and a warrior for meaningful reforms;

WHEREAS, Senator Angara's appointment to the Hispano-American Royal Academy of Arts, Sciences and Letters deserves our highest appreciation and profound respect for the honor and recognition he has brought to our country: Now, therefore, be it


Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, To congratulate and commend Senator Edgardo Javier Angara for being appointed the first Asian Corresponding Academic Member of the prominent Real Academia Hispano Americana de Ciencias, Artes y Letras or the Hispano-American Royal Academy of Arts, Sciences and Letters in February 2012.

Adopted,



JUAN LUCE ENRIQUE
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2012.



EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate