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RESOLUTION NO. 121

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO THE HONORABLE PIA S. CAYETANO FOR HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE NATION DURING HER TERMS AS SENATOR

WHEREAS, the Honorable Pia S. Cayetano has served as senator for two (2) consecutive terms of office (2004-2010 and 2010-2016);

WHEREAS, she served as chairperson of the various key Senate committees such as the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Health and Demography; Youth, Women and Family Relations; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Environment and Natural Resources;

WHEREAS, her hard work as senator earned her the rare distinction of being the first Filipina and Asian legislator in the history of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to be elected President of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians, a position she held from 2008-2010;

WHEREAS, a public servant committed to the common good and a known defender of women's rights and staunch advocate of health, she was instrumental in the enactment into law of the following landmark legislations: the Reproductive Health Act which provides women access to information and health care services to realize their reproductive health rights; the Sin Tax Reform Act which generates additional revenue for the country's healthcare system while discouraging Filipinos from the unhealthy habit of smoking and excessive drinking; and the Graphic Health Warning Act which requires all cigarette packages sold in the market to bear picture-based warnings on the hazardous effects of smoking;

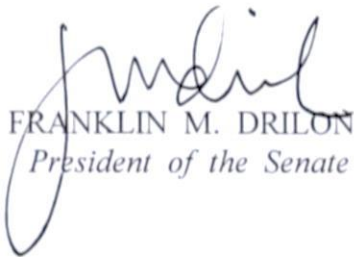
WHEREAS, her growing list of legislative accomplishments includes: the Iskolar ng Bayan Act; the Ladderized Education Act; the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UNIFAST) Act; the National Health Insurance Act; the Foster Care Act; the Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act; the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act; the Establishment of Persons with Disability Affairs Office Act; the Expanded Senior Citizens Act; the Food and Drugs Administration Act; the Magna Carta of Women; the Universally Accessible Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act; the Anti-Rabies Act; and the National Environmental Awareness and Education Act, among others;

WHEREAS, as champion of women's and children's rights, she continued to find ways to improve the quality of life of women and children through her proposed legislative measures such as the Expanded Maternity Leave and Anti-Prostitution bills;

WHEREAS, her contributions to the Senate have been very vital to the Chamber's fruitful performance during the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Congresses: Now, therefore, be it


*Resolved by the Senate*, To express, as it hereby expresses, its gratitude and appreciation to the Honorable Pia S. Cayetano for her invaluable contributions to the Senate and the nation during her terms as senator.

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2016. .



OSCAR G. YABES  
*Secretary of the Senate*

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