

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Senate

Manila City

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RESOLUTION NO. 131

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SENATE PRESIDENT
PRO TEMPORE, THE HONORABLE RALPH G.
RECTO, FOR HIS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE
DURING THE SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

WHEREAS, the Honorable Ralph G. Recto performed his duties and responsibilities as Senate President Pro Tempore with utmost devotion and sincerity, competently assisting the Senate President in presiding over the extensive deliberations of the Senate during plenary sessions;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology, he sponsored relevant legislative measures such as the "PAG-ASA Modernization Act" which effectively funds the enhancement of its capability in providing services to protect the people and the environment and ensure economic security against natural hazards, and the "Philippine National Railways Charter Extension Act" which provides for an affordable railway transport system to the public;

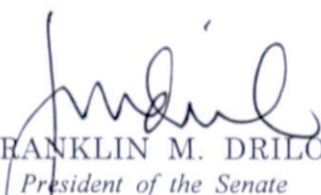
WHEREAS, a strong advocate of tax reforms, universal health care and accessible quality education, he was instrumental in the enactment of vital laws increasing tax exemption cap for 13th month pay, Christmas bonus and other benefits from P30,000 to P82,000; the mandatory PhilHealth coverage for all senior citizens; the Open Learning and Distance Education Act; the Ladderized Education Act; and the Unified Student Financial Assistance for Tertiary Education (UNIFAST) Act;

WHEREAS, through his initiative, Congress passed Republic Act No. 10844, creating the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) which is primarily tasked to boost the country's growing global information technology market and ensure the development of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector;

WHEREAS, his able leadership and efficient performance as Senate President Pro Tempore contributed much in making the Sixteenth Congress productive and meaningful: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, To commend, as it hereby commends, the Senate President Pro Tempore, the Honorable Ralph G. Recto, for his exemplary performance during the Sixteenth Congress.

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