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RESOLUTION NO. 132

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SINCERE
APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO ITS
PRESIDENT, THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN M.
DRILON, FOR HIS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP
DURING THE SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

WHEREAS, Senate President Franklin M. Drilon, who was elected for the fourth time to lead the Senate in the 16th Congress, demonstrated great zeal, dedication and fairness in discharging his duties and responsibilities as leader of the institution;

WHEREAS, it was under his leadership that the Philippine Senate received the highest public approval rating among government institutions as shown in the survey conducted by the Pulse Asia;

WHEREAS, with hard work and deep commitment to the national interest over and above personal interests, he confidently steered the Chamber and actively participated in the enactment of landmark legislations that truly reflect the government's commitment to improve the national economy as well as to address the most basic and pressing concerns of our people, such as the General Appropriations Acts (GAAs); the Philippine Competition Act; the Go Negosyo Act; the Cabotage Law; the Tax Incentives Management and Transparency Act; the PAG-ASA Modernization Act; the Mandatory PhilHealth Coverage for all Senior Citizens; the Philippine Lemon Law; and the law increasing tax exemption ceiling on the 13th month pay and other benefits from P30,000 to P82,000;

WHEREAS, under his able leadership, the Senate passed laws aimed at improving the country's educational services, such as the Iskolar ng Bayan Act; the Open High School System Act; the Open Distance Learning in Tertiary Education Act; and the Unified Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education Act;

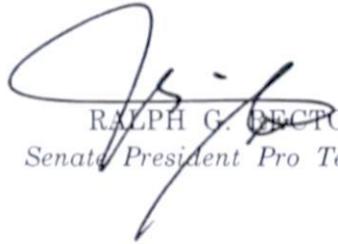
WHEREAS, he also led the Senate in the enactment of political and judicial reform laws, such as the Sandiganbayan Reform Law which speeds up deliberation and hearings of the graft and corruption cases before its courts; the Amendment to the Probation Law of 1976, as amended, which expands the benefit of probation for more eligible convicts and provides for their rehabilitation; and the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Law, the country's first law with anti-political dynasty provision;

WHEREAS, committed to uphold justice and good governance, he guided the Senate in conducting investigations, in aid of legislation, on the alleged graft and corruption in the government;

WHEREAS, his distinguished performance as the third highest official of the land, for having discharged his duties and responsibilities with expertise, wisdom and devotion to the national interest during the Sixteenth Congress, truly deserves commendation and recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, To express, as it hereby expresses, the sincere appreciation of the Senate to its President, the Honorable Franklin M. Drilon for his exemplary leadership during the Sixteenth Congress.

Adopted,



RALPH G. DECTO
Senate President Pro Tempore

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



OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

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