

WHEREAS, it is now incumbent upon the present administration and those that would precede it, to strengthen the economy so that the Philippines can now slowly transit from being a source of foreign labor to that of a labor-receiving country;

WHEREAS, the burden of economic stability must not rest solely on the weary shoulders of our homesick overseas Filipino workers but must rightfully and properly be borne by the well-to-do members of our society who shirk from their duties and obligations to pay the right taxes;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the records of the Philippine Senate affirm and attest through this humble resolution the invaluable legacy left behind by the former Secretary of Labor and Foreign Affairs and legislator in his capacity as "Father of Overseas Employment";

RESOLVED, further, that the Philippine Senate directs the National Historical Institute, Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education and Department of Labor and Employment to ensure that the enormous contributions of Blas Fajardo Ople as the acknowledged "Father of Overseas Employment" shall find its rightful place in Philippine history.

Adopted,



JUAN PONCE ENRILE
Senator