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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE PARTICIPANTS, ORGANIZERS, AND STAFF OF THE 112TH ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY UNION FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is an international organization of the Parliaments of sovereign States working for peace and cooperation among peoples and for the firm establishment of representative institutions;

WHEREAS, the IPU has over a hundred-thirty national parliaments as Members and seven regional parliamentary assemblies as Associate Members;

WHEREAS, the IPU Assembly is the principal statutory body that expresses the views of the IPU on international political issues resulting from collegial discussion among parliamentarians of Member States;

WHEREAS, the Assembly meets twice a year in different countries to allow participants an opportunity to witness various national realities;

WHEREAS, the 112th Assembly of the IPU was successfully held for the first time in Manila, Philippines on 31 March to 8 April 2005, attended by parliamentarians from around the world;

WHEREAS, the success of the recently concluded Assembly enhanced the international reputation of the Philippines as a political and diplomatic State capable of leading international assemblies;

WHEREAS, the IPU Assembly was organized under the exceptional and untiring leadership of no less than Senate President Franklin M. Drilon who steered the Philippine Senate to international recognition as a parliamentary institution;

WHEREAS, the Assembly was organized and spearheaded by the Office of the Senate President and the Senate Office on International Relations and Protocol, with the able assistance and valuable cooperation of the Office of Sergeant-at-Arms, Legislation Services, Administrative and Financial Services, the various offices of the Senators, Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Tourism, Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of National Defense, Department of Interior and

Local Government, Philippine Convention and Visitor's Corporation, Metro Manila Development Authority, Bureau of Immigration and Deportation, Bureau of Customs, Philippine National Construction Corporation, Philippine Reclamation Authority, Philippine International Convention Center, and the Cultural Center of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the participants and organizers displayed superior competence and admirable diligence in facilitating the IPU Assembly and assisting in the achievement of its goals, thus upholding the prestige and stature of the Senate of the Philippines in particular and the Philippine Nation in general;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Philippines commends and expresses its utmost gratitude to all the participants, organizers, and staff of the $112^{\rm th}$ Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union for their significant contribution to the success thereof and their indispensable cooperation in this event of national and international importance.

Adopted,

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Majority Leader