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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO ITS PRESIDENT, THE HONORABLE JUAN PONCE ENRILE, FOR HIS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP DURING THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

WHEREAS, acknowledged by his peers as the most senior member of the Fifteenth Congress whose more than four-decade public service, both in the executive and legislative branches of government would provide a better perspective in the deliberation of vital pieces of legislation, Senator Juan Ponce Enrile was again elected President of the Senate when the First Regular Session opened on July 26, 2010;

WHEREAS, as the third highest official of the land, he discharged his duties and responsibilities with expertise, wisdom and total devotion to the national interest thereby earning for the Senate its traditional independence and the people's continuing trust and confidence;

WHEREAS, under his stewardship, the Senate expeditiously passed the national budget bill on December 1, 2010 (now R.A. No. 10147, General Appropriations Act of 2011), the earliest the Senate had done so since 1987 or since the Eighth Congress;

WHEREAS, in response to the government's fight against corruption and reforms in government, Senate President Enrile has supported the passage of the proposed GOCC Governance Act of 2011 (now R.A. No. 10149); the synchronization of election in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao with the national and local election; and took an active role in the Senate investigations on alleged graft in the Armed Forces of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, his deep concern and firm commitment to protect the people from the worst impacts of climate change has led him to author the People's Survival Fund Bill which aims to finance local climate adaptation programs and projects of local government units throughout the country;

WHEREAS, in recognition of his distinguished performance as a public servant who has contributed to society through his work, advocacies and achievements, he was honored by the *People Asia Magazine* as among its "People of the Year" awardee for being "one of the most enduring and brilliant political figures in the country": *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 Juan Ponce Enrile for his exemplary leadership during the First Regular Session of the Fifteenth congress.

Adopted,

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