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SENATE

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P.S. RES. NO. 1109

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO ITS DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT, THE HONORABLE JUAN PONCE ENRILE, FOR HIS EXEMPLARY AND COMMENDABLE LEADERSHIP DURING THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, on 17 November 2008, the Honorable Juan Ponce Enrile, with the support, trust and confidence of the majority of his peers in the Senate on his vast experience as a public servant and a national leader, was elected to the third highest position in the land, thus becoming the 21st Senate President;

WHEREAS, a conscientious lawmaker who has never compromised the integrity and independence of the Senate even when he was still a member of the minority, Senate President Enrile carried out his duties with decisiveness and competence;

WHEREAS, fully aware of the possible effects of the current global financial crisis and economic recession to the lives of the people, he has guided the Senate in crafting laws that would provide food, jobs, quality education, and better health;

WHEREAS, he always has the time to actively participate in the deliberations and discussions of various bills, particularly the bill which seeks to strengthen the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), and has authored and sponsored the proposed amendments to the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) and the proposed Anti-Trust measure;

WHEREAS, under his firm leadership, the Senate has enacted important and quality pieces of legislation, notably: the General Appropriations Act of 2009; R. A. 9525 which grants P11.3-billion as supplemental budget for poll automation; R.A. 9522 or the Philippine Archipelagic Baselines Law; R. A. 9521 which creates a National Book Development Trust Fund to Support Filipino Authorship; and R. A. 9520 otherwise known as the "Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008";

WHEREAS, a legal luminary with a keen grasp of parliamentary rules and procedures, he has presided over the proceedings and business of the Senate with authority, impartiality and sense of fairness; **WHEREAS,** under his exceptional leadership, the Senate has successfully maintained the trust and confidence of the people: *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To express, as it hereby expresses, the Senate's sincere appreciation to its distinguished President, the Honorable Juan Ponce Enrile, for his exemplary and commendable leadership during the Second Regular Session of the Fourteenth Congress.

• Adopted,

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI Senator