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Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**HONORING THE LATE JUSTICE EMILIO A. GANCAYCO FOR HIS LIFETIME SERVICE**  
**AND DEDICATION TO PHILIPPINE SOCIETY AND THE JUDICIARY**

WHEREAS, in 1947, the Philippine legal profession welcomed into its ranks Emilio A. Gancayco, a brilliant lawyer who completed his undergraduate and law studies at the University of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in the same year, he began his public career as an attorney in the Claims Branch of the Judge Advocate General's Office of the Armed Forces of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, from 1949 to 1954, he honed his skills as a private practitioner but rejoined the government in 1954 as a Special Prosecutor, and served as such for six years until he became an Assistant Chief Prosecutor, and later, as the Chief State Prosecutor of the Department of Justice from 1963 to 1972;

WHEREAS, Emilio A. Gancayco's commitment and desire to serve the country led him to assume the post of Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals from 1977 to 1986; he was later appointed as Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals by President Corazon C. Aquino;

WHEREAS, his expertise and dedication to the rule of law propelled him to the Philippine Supreme Court, where he served as an Associate Justice from 1987 to 1991;

WHEREAS, he exemplified his unswerving commitment to justice and uplifting the plight of Filipino migrant workers when he served as the Chairperson of the Presidential Fact-Finding and Policy Advisory Commission for the Protection of Overseas Filipinos, also referred to as the "Gancayco Commission," which investigated the culpability of government officials in, among others, the unfortunate case of Flor Contemplacion, an overseas Filipino worker who was sentenced to death in Singapore;

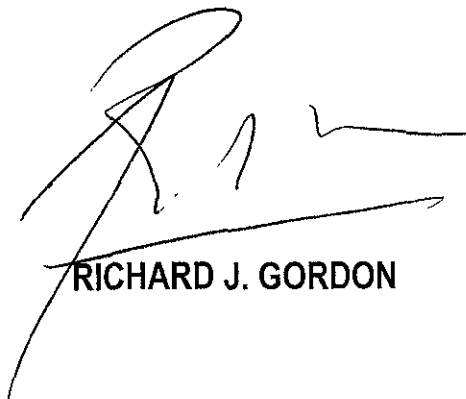
WHEREAS, Justice Gancayco was also an erudite academic who shared his knowledge, wisdom and insights to students of the University of the Philippines College of Law, the University of the East and the University of Santo Tomas; he likewise ensured that aspiring lawyers had the skills necessary for the profession, as he served as an examiner in the Philippine Bar Examinations in 1975 and 1990, and finally, its Chairperson in 1991;

WHEREAS, throughout his professional career, he was likewise actively involved in various religious and civic organizations, including the Young Men's Christian Association (the "YMCA"), which benefited from his unwavering leadership, as he fulfilled with utmost conscientiousness and sincerity, his responsibilities as the President of the Asia Alliance of the YMCAs, a member of the Executive Committee of the World Alliance of YMCAs and President of the YMCA Philippines;

WHEREAS, its is fitting that due recognition and appreciation be given to the late Emilio A. Gancayco: a talented lawyer and lecturer, a fair and impartial magistrate, a stalwart defender of freedom and justice, an advocate for the promotion and reservation of Filipino values, a dedicated husband to his wife Herminia, and a loving father to his five children, namely, Efren, Ana Corazon, Antonio, Emilio, Jr. and Pablo. Now therefore, be it

*RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED* by the Senate of the Philippines, to honor and commend Justice Emilio A. Gancayco, for his lifetime service to Philippine society and the Judiciary.

Adopted,



**RICHARD J. GORDON**