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Introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO FORMER SENATOR JOVITO R. SALONGA FOR HIS PATRIOTISM, STATESMANSHIP AND STERLING PERFORMANCE AS SENATE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, on July 27, 1987, a day that marked the reopening of a bicameral Philippine Congress under a constitutional democracy, Senator Jovito R. Salonga, who topped the 1987 senatorial elections, was elected Senate President by his peers who saw in him a leader who will combine power and conscience, authority and selflessness;

WHEREAS, as head of a restored Senate, he pursued a legislative agenda that, in his own words, would bring people to believe again in the rule of law, in the sanctity of their basic human rights, in the prospects of a better life for themselves and their children, and in the rich possibilities of peace based on justice;

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Senate enacted laws that advanced social justice for agrarian workers; of good government through ethical behavior, of access to health services through cheaper medicines, and of civilian government supremacy over the military;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 1991, Senator Salonga led the Senate in a historic vote that rejected the treaty extending the stay of US military bases, ending centuries of foreign military presence in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, for his invaluable contributions in fostering patriotism in our people, ethical conduct in government and in preserving democracy in the country, he is truly worthy of the profound respect and admiration of this chamber and of the Filipino people: ***Now, therefore, be it***

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to express, as it hereby express the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate to Senator Jovito R. Salonga for his patriotism, exemplary statesmanship and sterling performance as Senate President.

Adopted,

Vicente C. Sotto III