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Introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III

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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO THE LATE SENATOR BLAS F. OPLE FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE COUNTRY DURING HIS TERM AS SENATE PRESIDENT**

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 1999, the late Senator Blas F. Ople, a man of intellect, character, and exemplary work ethic, was unanimously elected Senate President;

**WHEREAS**, always mindful of his humble beginnings and the sad plight of millions of Filipinos who possessed remarkable potentials but prejudiced by poverty, he authored and ensured the passage of the Public Employment Service Office Act of 1999 to ensure the prompt, timely and efficient delivery of employment services;

**WHEREAS**, he championed in the Senate legislations that would improve regional and national wages of Filipino workers and their security of tenure, enhance the employment opportunities of overseas Filipino workers, and laws that would foster industrial peace;

**WHEREAS**, Senator Ople campaigned for a more significant participation of the Philippine Senate in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and its committees, and the hosting in the country of the IPU's general assembly;

**WHEREAS**, his Senate presidency saw the various Senate committees discharging their oversight functions and initiating committee investigations in aid of legislation which led to recommendations for the prosecution of top officials of the government, Cabinet secretaries, military and police generals and other private persons;

**WHEREAS**, for his outstanding leadership of the Senate, he lived up to the trust of his fellow Senators and of the Filipino people, leaving his footprints in the history of the Philippine Senate; *Now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, To express, as it hereby expresses, its gratitude and appreciation to the late Senator Blas F. Ople for his invaluable contributions to the Senate and the country during his term as Senate President under the 1987 Constitution.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the family of the late former Senate President Blas F. Ople.

*Adopted,*

