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Introduced by Senator Zubiri

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE HIGHEST RESPECT AND PROFOUND GRATITUDE OF THE SENATE TO ITS ESTEEMED PRESIDENT, HONORABLE JUAN PONCE ENRILE

WHEREAS, the Honorable Juan Ponce Enrile has exercised his duties and carried out his responsibilities as President of the Senate with utmost dedication, fairness and resolute leadership;

WHEREAS, Senate President Enrile steered the passage of bills which have now become laws that, among others, addressed the needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities throughout the country, created the National Prosecution Service, and granted benefits to retired members of the Judiciary and of the members of the Constitutional Commissions, including the Office of the Ombudsman;

WHEREAS, under his watch, the Senate was able to promptly act on vital legislative measures such as the General Appropriations Act of 2010 despite having to convene the Congress in two historic Joint Sessions: first, in December 2009 in the matter of the Presidential Proclamation declaring a state of martial law and suspending the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* in the province of Maguindanao; and, second, on May 25, 2010 to act as the National Board of Canvassers to canvass the votes for president and vice president after the first-ever automated national and local elections in the country;

WHEREAS, his continuous desire to lessen the cost of living expenses of family households and the consuming public has led him to consistently craft bills that will reduce the high price of electricity and to initiate Senate inquiries in aid of legislation on the so-called missing loads of millions of mobile phone users;

WHEREAS, under his stewardship, the Senate became a symbol of hope and assurance for a nation fearful of the effects of the global economic recession that began in late 2008, and the sufferings wrought by Typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng and other calamities in September 2009;

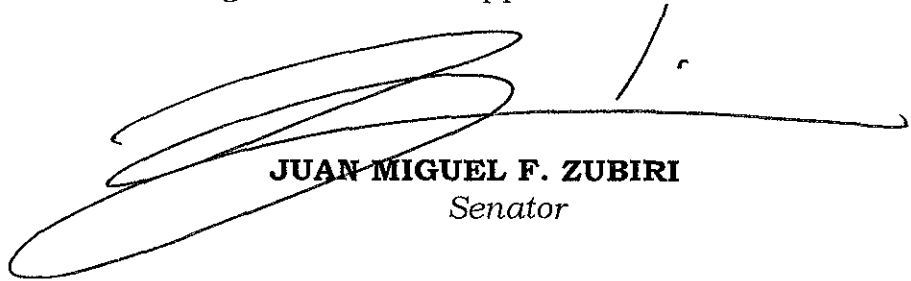
WHEREAS, a public servant with almost five decades of service in government, the Senate President marshaled the passage into law of a joint resolution authorizing the President to increase the salaries of national and local government employees and the base pay of the military and other uniformed personnel;

WHEREAS, to professionalize the legislative career system and recognize the Senate workforce for their outstanding support service, Senate President Enrile implemented institutional reforms by upgrading Secretariat positions, granting employees additional benefits and allowances, and signing a Collective Negotiation Agreement with the employees' organization, which further endeared him to the Senate bureaucracy;

WHEREAS, under his dynamic leadership, the Senate closes its Third Regular Session of the 14th Congress with the distinction of passing more than 500 national and local bills: *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To express, as it hereby expresses, the highest respect and profound gratitude of the Senate to its esteemed President, Honorable Juan Ponce Enrile, for his objectivity, integrity, hard work, dedicated leadership and mastery of parliamentary rules and procedures in presiding over the Third Regular Sessions of the Fourteenth Congress of the Philippines.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
Senator