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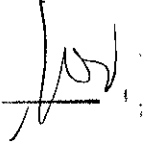


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RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO THE
HONORABLE EDGARDO J. ANGARA FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
SENATE**

WHEREAS, Honorable Edgardo J. Angara, a dedicated, public servant, is the longest-serving Senator in the post-EDSA revolution legislature, having been with the Senate for 24 years from 1987 to 1998 and also from 2001 to 2013;

WHEREAS, believing that "democratic politics is not about confrontation but about consensus," as Senate President, he initiated the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) in 1992;

WHEREAS, moved by his strong advocacy for the cause of education and science and technology, as Chairman of the Committees on Education Arts and Culture, and on Science and Technology, and the Congressional Commission on Science and Technology and Engineering, he steered the passage of key legislations such as Creation of the Commission on Higher Education and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, the Higher Education Modernization Act, the Kindergarten Education Act, Early Years Act, and the Enhanced Education Act (K to 12);

WHEREAS, for his deep concern on the health of the citizenry and abiding care for the elderly, he shepherded the passage of the Senior Citizens Act, the Magna Carta for Public Health Workers; National Health Insurance Act which created the PhilHealth; and the Breast Feeding Act, among others;

WHEREAS, a committed patron of the arts, he was responsible for the creation of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts; the National Museum of the Philippines; the Commission of the Filipino Language; and the Law on National Living Treasures;

WHEREAS, he also pushed for laws that had a positive impact on the lives of millions of Filipinos such as: the Salary Standardization Act; the Anti-Red Tape Act; the Overseas Absentee Voting Act; Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act;

WHEREAS, an anti-corruption crusader, he principally authored and sponsored the Government Procurement Reform Act: the Ombudsman Law, the Anti- Money Laundering Law, and strongly supported the GOCC Governance Act;

WHEREAS, his ardent drive and untiring commitment for good governance and his concern in the eradication of corruption in the country did not remain unnoticed as he was recognized and elected by the Global Conference of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) as its Chairman on January 30, 2013, thus becoming the first South East Asian to head an international network dedicated to good governance and combat corruption throughout the world;

WHEREAS, he was a recipient of the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun conferred by the Japanese Government, and was elected *Corresponding Academic Member* of the prestigious Real Academia Hispano Americana de Ciencias, Artes y Letras (Hispano-American Royal Academy of Science, Arts and Letters), and the first Asian to be accorded such honor;

WHEREAS, his invaluable contributions to the nation during 24 years as Senator truly deserve the admiration respect and gratitude of his colleagues and the Filipino people: *Now therefore, be it*

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to express, as it hereby expresses the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate to the Honorable Edgardo J. Angara for his invaluable contributions to the Senate

Adopted,


Senator Vicente C. Sotto III