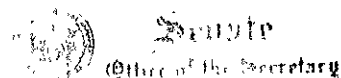


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Introduced by Senate President Franklin M. Drilon

RESOLUTION

HONORING ELPIDIO QUIRINO, A DISTINGUISHED FORMER MEMBER OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT, AND 6TH PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 125TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE BIRTH, GROWTH AND EARLY YEARS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

1 **WHEREAS**, at age 16, Elpidio Quirino began his distinguished career in the
2 service of the nation as a barrio schoolteacher, immediately after he graduated from
3 elementary school in Caoayan, Ilocos Sur;

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5 **WHEREAS**, after he graduated from Manila High School in 1911, he
6 attended the University of the Philippines College of Law where he earned his law
7 degree in 1915 and was admitted to the bar later that year;

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9 **WHEREAS**, the young lawyer was then elected and served as member of the
10 House of Representatives from 1919 to 1925, representing the First District of Ilocos
11 Sur;

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13 **WHEREAS**, he was elected and served the Senate for three terms (1925-31,
14 1931-35, and 1942-46), representing the First Senatorial District of Batanes,
15 Cagayan, Isabella, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur and Abra, but was not able to perform his
16 duties as senator for the third term when World War II broke out in 1942;

17 **WHEREAS**, after the restoration of the Commonwealth Government at the
18 end of the war, the Senate was reorganized and he was elected as Senate President
19 Pro Tempore;

20 **WHEREAS**, in 1946, he was elected Vice-President to President Manuel
21 Roxas, thus serving as the last Vice President of the Commonwealth and first Vice
22 President of the Republic of the Philippines;

23 **WHEREAS**, he served concurrently as Secretary of Foreign Affairs for which
24 he was acknowledged as the Father of the Foreign Service for establishing diplomatic
25 ties with various countries and allies after the Second World War;

1 **WHEREAS**, when President Manuel Roxas died, he assumed the presidency
2 on 17 April 1948 and was elected for a full term in the presidential elections of 1949;

3 **WHEREAS**, he was also recognized as the Father of Minimum Wage, the
4 Social Security System and the Central Bank of the Philippines, and as initiator of
5 various initiatives for Social Amelioration, including the standardization of salaries
6 for school teachers, the establishment of housing projects in Quezon city, the grant of
7 land to the University of the Philippines Diliman Campus, and the establishment of
8 Quezon City as national capital;

9 **WHEREAS**, fostering a vision for national progress, modernization and
10 industrialization, he initiated various infrastructure projects such as the Maria
11 Christina hydroelectric power plant in Mindanao, the Ambuklao dam in Luzon,
12 among others, which continue to serve the needs of our country to this day;

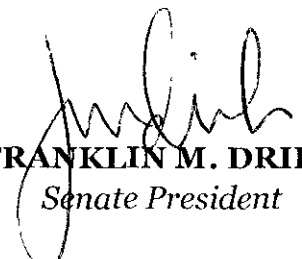
13 **WHEREAS**, in a gesture of consummate statesmanship and Christian
14 forgiveness, he extended Executive Clemency on 4 July 1953 to the Prisoners of War
15 including 114 Japanese military officers incarcerated in Muntinlupa, despite the
16 death in the hands of enemy forces of his wife, Alicia Syquia, and three of his five
17 children in the Battle for Manila in February 1945 - a decision that resulted in a break
18 of the impasse in the War Reparations negotiations, and paved the way for the final
19 agreement between Japan and the Republic of the Philippines in 1956:

20 **WHEREAS**, the life of the late Honorable Elpidio Quirino as a dedicated and
21 honest public servant is worth emulating and remembering especially on the
22 occasion of his 125th Birth Anniversary and will serve as an inspiration to the present
23 and future generations: **Now, therefore, be it**

24 **RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, To honor, as it hereby honors, Elpidio
25 Quirino, a distinguished former Member of the Senate and the House of
26 Representatives, former Vice-President, and 6th President of the Philippines, on the
27 occasion of his 125th Birth Anniversary on 16 November 2015 for his contribution to
28 the birth, growth and early years of the Commonwealth and Republic of the
29 Philippines.

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31 **RESOLVED, FURTHER**, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the
32 President Elpidio Quirino Foundation as it celebrates GURO TO PANGULO, the
33 program that highlights the accomplishments of the former President who began his
34 career in the service of the nation as a barrio schoolteacher.

Adopted,


FRANKLIN M. DRILON
Senate President