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SENATE

P. S. Res. No. 659

Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING PASIG CITY MAYOR VICTOR MA. REGIS "VICO" SOTTO FOR BEING RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE AS ONE OF ITS INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate, has on numerous occasions, recognized and paid tribute to outstanding public servants who symbolize the values of commitment to public interest, professionalism, transparency, and commitment to democratic ideals and norms;

WHEREAS, Pasig City Mayor Victor Ma. Regis "Vico" Sotto has been recognized by the United States Department of State as one of its twelve (12) International Anti-Corruption Champions;

WHEREAS, in a statement of US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken on February 23, 2021, the International Anti-Corruption Champions Award was launched in order to recognize individuals who have worked tirelessly, often in the face of adversity, to defend transparency, combat corruption, and ensure accountability in their own countries;


WHEREAS, Mayor Vico Sotto was cited as "a standard-bearer for a new generation of Philippine politicians who prioritize anti-corruption and transparency initiatives in their election campaigns and in office" and as "a fresh voice with a new, more transparent approach to governance";

WHEREAS, the award highlighted the achievements of Mayor Vico Sotto such as pushing for freedom of information legislation for his constituents, the establishment of a 24/7 public information and complaints hotline, fostering civil society involvement in Pasig City's budgeting and policy making, and measures aimed to curb bribery in contract awarding processes;

WHEREAS, Secretary of State Blinken noted that Mayor Vico Sotto, together with the other awardees, serve as inspiration for the pursuit of truth, transparency, and accountability all over the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to express its commendation and congratulations to Pasig City Mayor Victor Ma. Regis "Vico" Sotto for being recognized by the United States Department of State as one of its International Anti-Corruption Champions.

Adopted,



MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator