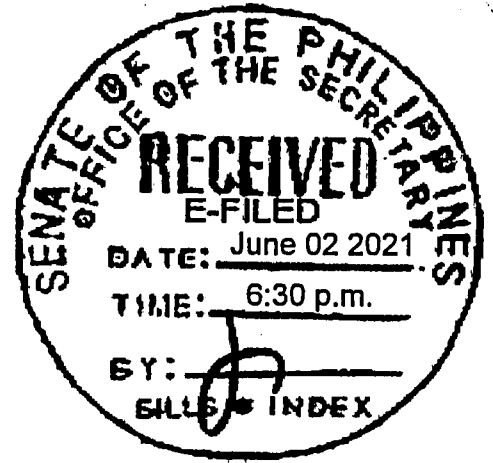


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SENATE
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Introduced by SENATOR SONNY ANGARA

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND HONORING DR. RAUL CANO PANGALANGAN FOR HONORABLY, FAITHFULLY, IMPARTIALLY, AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY SERVING AS JUDGE AT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC) FROM 2015 TO 2021, THEREBY UPHOLDING RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND ULTIMATELY BRINGING HONOR AND RECOGNITION TO THE PHILIPPINES

1 WHEREAS, in 2015, Dr. Raul Cano Pangalangan was elected as judge at the
2 International Criminal Court (ICC) at The Hague, Netherlands after fulfilling the strict
3 requirements of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the
4 Resolution of the Assembly of States Parties relating to the procedure for the
5 nomination and election of judges;

6 WHEREAS, during his stint in the ICC, Judge Pangalangan served as president
7 of the Trial Division and was Presiding Judge on the very first ICC case on the war
8 crime of assaulting cultural and religious heritage. He also sat in cases involving
9 alleged child soldiers and forced marriage, and has sat on *ad hoc* basis in the Appeals
10 Chambers on cases of murder, rape, and sexual slavery as war crimes or as crimes
11 against humanity;

12 WHEREAS, Judge Pangalangan has taken part in the noble work of the ICC to
13 fight against impunity and safeguard the rule of law across the world by ensuring that
14 the most severe crimes do not go unpunished and by promoting respect for
15 international law, thus closing a so-called gap in our collective moral universe;

16 WHEREAS, true to his selfless commitment, while his term of office officially
17 ended on 10 March 2021, he worked until 16 May 2022 to finish ongoing proceedings;

1 WHEREAS, prior to joining the ICC, Judge Pangalangan was a Philippine
2 Delegate to the 1998 Rome Conference that drafted the ICC Statute; has co-chaired
3 the Philippine Coalition for the ICC that successfully lobbied for the country's
4 ratification of said Statute, and has contributed to the *Commentary on the Rome*
5 *Statute of the International Criminal Court*;

6 WHEREAS, the education he received at the University of the Philippines, where
7 he earned his A.B. Political Science *cum laude* (1978) and Bachelor of Laws (1983),
8 and at the Harvard Law School, where he received his Doctoral of Juridical Science
9 in 1990 (winning the Charles Sumner Prize for best dissertation relating to
10 international peace), and his Master of Laws in 1986 (winning the John Laylin Prize
11 for best thesis in international law), have all helped in shaping him to become well-
12 versed in international law and constitutional law;

13 WHEREAS, the unending gratitude to the educational institutions that molded
14 him inspired Judge Pangalangan to teach at the University of the Philippines – College
15 of Law and serve as its Dean from 1999 to 2005; and at the Harvard Law School as
16 visiting professor, where he taught international law and constitutional law;

17 WHEREAS, as a member of the Philippine Bar since 1984, his unquestionable
18 loyalty to the law profession earned him recognition from his academic and
19 professional peers here and abroad. He also joined the governing council of the Asian
20 Society of International Law, the Executive Council of the International Association of
21 Constitutional Law, the Asian Journal of International Law, Australian Journal of Asian
22 Law (Melbourne University), The Third World and International Law (Osgoode Hall
23 Law School, Canada), *Ius Gentium* (University of Baltimore School of Law), and *Journal*
24 *of East Asia and International Law* (Yijun Institute of International Law, Seoul, Korea);

25 WHEREAS, as an ardent advocate of justice, he has appeared as counsel before
26 the Philippine Supreme Court to strike down illegal arrests carried under a state of
27 national emergency and to enforce domestically the Philippines' international
28 obligations on tobacco control, and has been designated as *amicus counsel* on
29 important constitutional issues, most recently, on the constitutionality of the Japan-
30 Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement;

1 WHEREAS, Judge Pangalangan is recognized globally as a true legal luminary,
2 having delivered lectures at Thessaloniki Institute of International Public Law (2001);
3 the Japan Society of International Law (2002); Irish Centre for Human Rights (2003);
4 Salzburg Seminar on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law and Human
5 Rights Law (2007 and 2018); the Hong Kong University (2008);
6 Melbourne University (2009 and 2005); the Hague Academy of International Law
7 (2008), where he had earlier served as Director of Studies (2000); the
8 International *Nuremberg Principles Academy* (2017); and the Siracusa International
9 Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights (2018); and the International
10 Committee of the Red Cross;

11 WHEREAS, Judge Pangalangan, a nationally recognized public intellectual,
12 utilized his platform as publisher of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, one of the nation's
13 most widely circulated newspapers, to educate the public on legal issues through his
14 opinion columns;

15 WHEREAS, he also chaired *Bantay Katarungan* (Sentinels of Justice), a public
16 interest group that monitors anti-corruption measures and files test cases before the
17 courts;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the
19 Senate of the Philippines to commend and honor Dr. Raul Cano Pangalangan for
20 honorably, faithfully, impartially, and conscientiously serving as judge at the
21 International Criminal Court (ICC) from 2015 to 2021, thereby upholding respect for
22 international law, and ultimately bringing honor and recognition to the Philippines.

Adopted,


SONNY ANGARA