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Introduced by Senator Franklin M. Drilon

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND MAJORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI, FOR HIS EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AND OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN STEERING THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri has performed his duties and responsibilities as Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Majority Leader with utmost competence and expertise of the parliamentary rules and procedure;

WHEREAS, as Senate Majority Leader of the 18th Congress (2019-2022), he steered and guided floor deliberations of pending measures with utmost fairness and direction, thus effectively creating an atmosphere of cooperation and understanding among senators, both from the majority and the opposition;

WHEREAS, in spite of his busy schedule as Majority Leader and Chairman of the Committee on Rules, he still had time to craft and introduce the following measures, among others, to wit: RA 11597 which revises the charter of the Philippine Veterans Bank; RA 11535 which makes the position of cooperative development officer in all local government units mandatory; RA 11476 or the "GMRC and Values Education Act", and RA 11648, which provides for stronger protection against rape and sexual exploitation and abuse and increases the age for determining the commission of statutory rape;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the declaration of repeated total lockdowns during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Senate, through his initiative, hardwork, and effort, coupled with great strategic management skills, continued to work through teleconference, video conference and other reliable means and enacted a number of urgent measures to help the Filipino people and the economy of the country, notably RA 11469, or the "Bayanihan To Heal As One Act", which grants power to the Chief Executive to allow for greater flexibility in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic scare; RA 11494 or the "Bayanihan To Recover As One Act" which focuses on primary care and the improvement of the health system and its attendant benefits; and RA 11525, or the "COVID-19 Vaccination Program Act of 2021" which expedites vaccine procurement and administration process;

WHEREAS, in recognition of his significant contributions to his fellowmen, the Royal Institution of Singapore conferred on him the Honorary Fellowship during its 22nd International Conference and Conferment Ceremony held in Malabalay City, Bukidnon;

WHEREAS, through his able leadership and stewardship, the Senate was able to perform productively in terms of measures vital to the interest of the country as a whole, thus keeping the image and integrity of this august Chamber worthy of the respect and trust of the people it is bound to serve: *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, To commend, as it is

hereby commends, the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Majority Leader, the

Honorable Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, for His Excellent Performance and Outstanding

Leadership in steering the deliberations of the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines.

Adopted,

NKLIN M. DRILON

FRA Senator