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RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE SENATE LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTE FOR THE CONTINUING EDUCATION, STUDIES, RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, ITS OFFICERS AND STAFF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Senate of the Philippines to establish, implement, maintain, and support an integrated system of continuing education, studies, research and training programs that would enhance the individual and collective standards of the institution which are critical in fulfilling the inherent functions it is constitutionally mandated to perform;

 WHEREAS, it has been a compelling vision of the Senate to set in motion efforts toward the establishment of a legislative institute that would provide continuing research, studies and training support to the Members of the Senate in their duties on lawmaking, contemporary governance, and other functions, and, adequately prepare the staff and personnel of the Senate in delivering efficient and effective services that would bring the Senate closer to the people by imparting to them the intricacies and dynamics of lawmaking and the role of the Senate in nation-building;

WHEREAS, to realize this, the Senate Legislative Institute or SLI is hereby established as the training arm of the Senate on legislation, governance, research, studies, and in inter-parliamentary and international relations;

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Senate Institute shall be, as follows:

(a) To strengthen the Senate as a premier legislative institution that promotes good governance, encourages policy research and sharing of information, and advocates transparency;

(b) To advance the work of legislators and the role of Congress vis-à-vis the expectations of the people, enhance public knowledge, and encourage active public participation in legislation and governance;

(c) To develop expertise on research and legislative policy studies and enhance the capability of those who are engaged in legislative work, as well as those who are interested in it:

(d) To serve as a linkage to other government agencies, local governments, professional circles, student and youth organizations, academe and training centers, and other local and foreign legislative assemblies, on matters relating to its functions; and

(e) To provide a venue for young Filipinos to learn more of the workings of a representative democracy and inspire them to pursue careers in legislation and policy advocacies:

WHEREAS, the SLI shall avail of the services and expertise of former and incumbent Members of Congress, Senate officers and staff who are knowledgeable and/or experts in legislation and policymaking considering their extensive works, studies and trainings, as well as guest lecturers and experts from the country and abroad;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to establish as it hereby establishes the Senate Legislative Institute for the continuing education, studies, research and training programs for the members of the Senate, its officers and staff;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Senate Secretary, assisted by a Board of Advisers, shall exercise administrative control and supervision in the formulation and implementation of continuing education, studies, research, and training programs, and provide direction on the Senate Legislative Institute's curriculum and operation;

RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, that a secretariat of the Senate Legislative Institute shall be composed of a director general and such other personnel as may be

necessary to be appointed by the President of the Senate. *Provided*, That the Senate Secretary shall designate the Legislative Research Service as interim secretariat with additional staff from the other offices of the Senate, which shall serve for a period of not more than one (1) year from the adoption of this resolution; and

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that the initial funding for the first year of implementation of the program shall be set aside by the Senate President chargeable against the existing savings and annual appropriations on Technical Studies in the Economy, Taxation, Energy, Environment, Banking, Agriculture, Transportation and Other Technical Studies of the Senate, and funds for the continuing implementation of the program shall be included in the appropriations of the Senate of the Philippines in the General Appropriations Act.

Adopted,

AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III