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Introduced by Senators **PIA S. CAYETANO** and
ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE HONORABLE JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" ANGARA FOR HIS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION, AS A SENATOR, DURING THE SIXTEENTH TO NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, former Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara served the Senate with the utmost competence, dedication, and fairness during his term in the sixteenth (16th) to nineteenth (19th) Congress of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, he was one of the most hardworking and productive members of Congress, sponsoring or authoring over 330 laws in his 18-year tenure, where he served as the representative of Aurora Province from 2004 to 2013, and then as Senator from 2013 to 2024;¹

WHEREAS, during his term, he authored numerous legislations, including the following landmark laws: the New Government Procurement Act, the Kabalikat sa Pagtuturo Act, and the Tatak Pinoy Act, a result of nearly five (5) years of extensive consultations, studies, and research to empower local industries to produce high-value goods and services, enhancing the country's competitiveness in both global and domestic markets;²

¹ Senate of the Philippines. (n.d.). *Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara*. https://legacy.senate.gov.ph/senators/sen_bio/angara_sonny_bio.asp

² Bacelonia, W. (2024, February 26). Angara: Tatak pinoy act to complement Philippine dev't plan. *Philippine News Agency*. <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1219528>

WHEREAS, following the footsteps of his father, the late Sen. Edgardo Angara, who headed the first Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM),³ former Sen. Sonny Angara became a Commissioner of EDCOM 2 and a co-chairperson for the Standing Committee on Governance and Finance, responsible for studying reforms across the education agencies through efficient education financing;⁴

WHEREAS, as a staunch advocate for education, he pushed for laws that ensure greater access to education and scholarships for poor and deserving students, such as the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, the Universal Kindergarten Act, the Ladderized Education Act, the Open Learning and Distance Education Act, and the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education Act;⁵

WHEREAS, to ensure sustainable jobs and decent working conditions, he authored legislation such as the expanded Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Act, the JobStart Law, and the revised Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES) to help ease youth unemployment;⁶

WHEREAS, during the 16th Congress, he chaired the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports where he actively pushed for greater support for Filipino athletes, and as such sponsored the National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act, and helped in establishing sports academies and training centers in some provinces in the Philippines to promote grassroots sports development by honing the skills and raw talent of young athletes;⁷

³ Senate of the Philippines. (n.d.). *Senator Edgardo J. Angara*.
<https://legacy.senate.gov.ph/senators/senpres/angara.asp>

⁴ EDCOM 2 Communications. (2024, July 5). *Sen Sonny as DepEd secretary – a win for education” – Gatchalian*. <https://edcom2.gov.ph/sen-sonny-as-deped-secretary-a-win-for-education-gatchalian/>

⁵ Senate Electoral Tribunal. (n.d.). *Hon. Senator Juan Edgardo “Sonny” Angara*.
<https://www.set.gov.ph/member-senators/1442/hon-senator-juan-edgardo-sonny-angara/>

⁶ Alagang Angara. (n.d.). *Laws enacted*.
<https://www.alagangangara.com/about/laws-of-senator-angara>

⁷ Senate Electoral Tribunal. (n.d.). *Hon. Senator Juan Edgardo “Sonny” Angara*.
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WHEREAS, as Chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means in the 16th and 17th Congress, he was the leading voice for the lowering of tax rates through the enactment of laws increasing the tax exemption cap for 13th month pay and other benefits; expanding the benefits and privileges of Persons with Disability (PWD) by exempting PWDs from value added tax (VAT); and the Tax Incentives Management and Transparency Act which promotes transparency and accountability in the grant and administration of tax incentives to registered business entities;⁸

WHEREAS, as Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Finance during the 18th and 19th Congress, he defended the national budget and helped steer the national response to the pandemic through legislation such as Bayanihan to Recover as One Act, the National COVID-19 Vaccination Program Act, and the Public Health Emergency Benefits and Allowances for Health Care Workers Act;⁹

WHEREAS, he likewise pushed for laws that improve the healthcare services throughout the country such as the Rare Disease Act, the Mental Health Law, the Healthy Nanay and Bulilit Act, and the Integrated Cancer Control Act;¹⁰

WHEREAS, he has also served as the Chairman of the Committee on Youth, where he successfully shepherded the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Reform Act which, among other things, granted monthly honoraria to SK members, secretaries, and treasurers, and in the 19th Congress, he continued to push for greater opportunities for the youth to participate in policy-making and nation-building;

WHEREAS, seeing the potential of Filipino professionals to succeed further in the digital economy, he principally authored the Digital Workforce Competitiveness Act, and during the 19th Congress, he also filed the National Digital Transformation

⁸ Senate Electoral Tribunal. (n.d.). *Hon. Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara*.
<https://www.set.gov.ph/member-senators/1442/hon-senator-juan-edgardo-sonny-angara/>

⁹ Senate of the Philippines. (n.d.). *Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara*.
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¹⁰ Alangang Angara. (n.d.). *Laws enacted*.
<https://www.alangangangara.com/about/laws-of-senator-angara>

Act, the Local ICT Officers Act, and the Science and Technology Parks Incentives Act, among many other measures;¹¹

WHEREAS, former Senator Angara is a graduate of Xavier School, the London School of Economics, the University of the Philippines College of Law, and Harvard Law School;

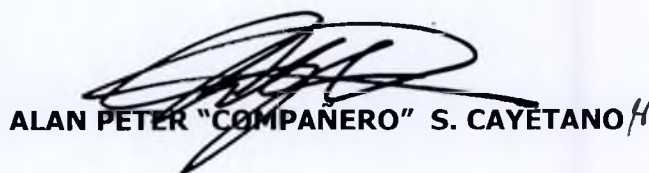
WHEREAS, outside of the Senate, he also excels in sports as the passionate co-team captain of the Senate Defenders, the official basketball team of the Senate;¹²

WHEREAS, his invaluable contribution and exemplary performance as a Senator of the Republic of the Philippines deserves recognition and commendation from the members of the Senate and the Filipino people; Now, therefore be it:

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to commend, as it hereby commends, the Honorable Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara for his excellent performance and invaluable contribution, as a Senator in the Sixteenth to Nineteenth Congress of the Philippines.

Adopted,


PIA S. CAYETANO


ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO

¹¹ Alagang Angara. (n.d.). *Laws enacted*.
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¹² Alagang Angara. (n.d.). *Laws enacted*.
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