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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE *SUMMER SA SENADO* PROGRAM, THEREBY
RECOGNIZING THE VITAL ROLE OF THE YOUTH IN NATION-BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 13, provides that, "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs";

WHEREAS, in pursuit of the ideals and aspirations of the Senate, embodied in the Latin maxim "*Legis Servitae Pax Fiat*," which signifies the passing of relevant laws in order to attain peace in the country, the youth shall be motivated, trained, organized, and mobilized in policy-making training to mold them into future leaders who shall initiate and draw policies that seek to promote general welfare and maintain legal order;

WHEREAS, the *Summer Sa Senado* Program is a one-month summer internship program crafted and introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago in 1999; it is the country's first legislative training program for young people;

WHEREAS, the Office of Senator Santiago has held the *Summer sa Senado* Program in 1999, 2000, and 2005; the program has trained over 300 interns since its inception;

WHEREAS, the internship is designed not only to hold lectures about the history, organization, and functions of the Senate, but it empowers young people by giving them the rare opportunity of proposing and defending their own bills; the program also facilitates team-building activities aimed at fostering camaraderie among interns, and group dynamics designed to enhance their skills in strategic, creative, and critical thinking;

WHEREAS, the *Summer Sa Senado* Program will surely give insights to future parliamentarians, legislative staff, scholars, and the general public on how the Senate works as an institution, particularly in matters of legislation and policy-making;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to institutionalize the *Summer Sa Senado* Program, thereby recognizing the vital role of the youth in nation-building.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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