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RESOLUTION NO. 124

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO THE HONORABLE TEOFISTO "TG" GUINGONA III FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE NATION DURING HIS TERM AS SENATOR

WHEREAS, the Honorable Teofisto "TG" Guingona III, has served as senator from 2010 to 2016;

WHEREAS, he chaired the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon); Peace, Unification and Reconciliation; Health and Demography; and the Oversight Committee on Anti-Money Laundering;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Committee on Health and Demography, he was instrumental in the passage of the

mandatory PhilHealth coverage for all senior citizens and filed the following health measures: comprehensive tuberculosis elimination plan for the eradication of the disease as a public health problem; regulating and modernizing the practice of medical technology; and the comprehensive nursing law that shall increase the entry level salary of registered nurses in the country and instituting measures for their professional growth, among others;

WHEREAS, a known human rights advocate, he supported the enactment into law of Republic Act No. 10368, the "Human Rights Victims Reparation and Recognition Act" and challenged the legality of some of the provisions of the Anti-Cybercrime Law before the Supreme Court which violates the constitutional right of freedom of speech and expression;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee, he initiated and led the investigations of various irregularities in government, notable of which was the pork barrel scam which resulted in the filing of plunder and other charges against several prominent lawmakers, government officials and private persons; and presided over the public hearing on the alleged money laundering involving US\$81 million stolen from the US Federal account of the Central Bank of Bangladesh, supposedly coursed through the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC) and casinos;

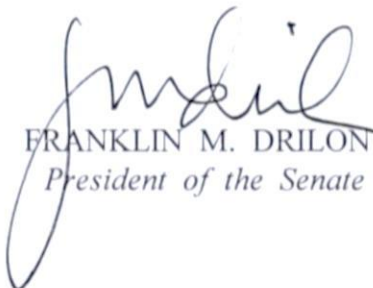
WHEREAS, he authored and co-authored vital legislations, such as the Fair Competition Act; the Philippine National Design Competitiveness Act; the "*Araw ng Pagbasa Act*"; the Amendment to PTV 4 Charter Act; *Sangguniang Bayan* Eligibility Act; Anti-Terrorism Financing Act; the Amendments to the Anti-Money Laundering Act which allow ex-parte inquiries into bank accounts, expanded the definition of money laundering, and widened list of covered persons and predicate crimes, among others;

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the principles of transparency in governance and accountability of government officials, he is an active member of the Board of Trustees of "*Kaya Natin*", a national movement to promote good governance and ethical leadership, and to support effective and ethical leaders in government, against graft and corruption; he actively participated in the impeachment hearing of the complaint against a former president and an ombudsman;

WHEREAS, his significant contributions during the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Congresses have contributed to the Chamber's remarkable accomplishments: Now, therefore, be it


*Resolved by the Senate*, To express, as it hereby expresses, its gratitude and appreciation to the Honorable Teofisto "TG" Guingona III for his invaluable contributions to the Senate and the nation during his term as senator.

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on  
June 6, 2016.



OSCAR G. YABES  
*Secretary of the Senate*

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