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RESOLUTION No. 54

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE *INTEGRITY INITIATIVE*, A PRIVATE SECTOR-DRIVEN EFFORT, WHICH AIMS TO BOTH INSTITUTIONALIZE INTEGRITY STANDARDS AMONG ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY, AND FIGHT THE CULTURE OF CORRUPTION, AND URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO REQUIRE ALL PRIVATE FIRMS ENGAGING IN BUSINESS WITH IT TO SIGN THE *INITIATIVE'S INTEGRITY PLEDGE*, WHICH IS A COMMITMENT TO ADHERE TO ETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES AND TO SUPPORT A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST CORRUPTION

WHEREAS, corruption is the greatest impediment to good governance, transparency and accountability in any nation;

WHEREAS, corruption jeopardizes the welfare of the nation because it obstructs the rule of law, stunts economic growth, aggravates poverty, results in political instability, and engenders the culture of patronage;

WHEREAS, recognizing the deleterious and extensive effects of corruption to society, and the need for ethical leadership, *Integrity Initiative* was established to institutionalize integrity standards among all sectors of society and to fight the culture of corruption;

WHEREAS, integrity is not only the absence of corruption, but a way of living that should be adopted and espoused not only by those in government but also those in business, academe, media, non-government organizations, and the whole of civil society;

WHEREAS, the *Integrity Initiative* promotes good governance and transparent business transactions by encouraging supporters to take the "*Integrity Pledge*," which is "a formal and concrete expression of commitments by companies to abide by ethical business practices and to support a national campaign against corruption";

WHEREAS, the recent "Pork Barrel Scam," perpetrated by a conspiracy between certain government officials and non-government organizations is a case in point of how the lack of integrity breeds corruption, which thereby makes the cause of the *Integrity Initiative* more pivotal;


WHEREAS, private-sector initiatives such as this reignites hope for the nation, and helps the government restore the trust and confidence of its people;

WHEREAS, a commendation is in order for the founders, participants and supporters of *Integrity Initiative*;

WHEREAS, the government should support the *Integrity Initiative* by demanding that all private firms entering into business with it should first sign the *Integrity Pledge*: Now, therefore, be it


Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, To commend the Integrity Initiative, a private sector-driven effort, which aims to both institutionalize integrity standards among all sectors of society, and fight the culture of corruption, and urging the government to require all private firms engaging in business with it to sign the Initiative's Integrity Pledge, which is a commitment to adhere to ethical business practices and to support a national campaign against corruption.

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

This Resolution was accepted by the Senate on September 16, 2014.



OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

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