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**RESOLUTION NO. 148** 

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CHAIRPERSON** AND COMMITTEE ON RULES OF THE MAJORITY LEADER. THE HONORABLE JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI, FOR HIS EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AND OUTSTANDING STEERING LEADERSHIP IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri has performed his duties and responsibilities as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Majority Leader with utmost competence and expertise on parliamentary rules and procedure; WHEREAS, as Senate Majority Leader of the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress (2019-2022), he steered and guided floor deliberations on pending measures with utmost fairness and direction, thus effectively creating an atmosphere of cooperation and understanding among senators, both from the majority and the opposition;

WHEREAS, despite his busy schedule as Majority Leader and Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, he still had time to craft and introduce measures such as: Republic Act (RA) No. 11597, which revises the charter of the Philippine Veterans Bank; RA No. 11535, which makes the position of cooperative development officer in all local government units mandatory; RA No. 11476 or the "GMRC and Values Education Act", and RA No. 11648, which provides for stronger protection against rape and sexual exploitation and abuse and increases the age for determining the commission of statutory rape;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the declaration of repeated total lockdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Senate, through his initiative, hardwork, and effort, coupled with great strategic management skills, continued to work through teleconference, video conference and other reliable means and enacted a number of urgent measures to help the Filipino people and the economy of the country, notably RA No. 11469 or the "Bayanihan to Heal As One Act", which grants power to the Chief Executive to allow for greater flexibility in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; RA No. 11494 or the "Bayanihan to Recover As One Act", which focuses on primary care and the improvement of the health system and its attendant benefits; and RA No. 11525 or the "COVID-19 Vaccination Program Act of 2021", which expedites vaccine procurement and administration process;

WHEREAS, in recognition of his significant contributions to his fellowmen, the Royal Institution of Singapore conferred on him the Honorary Fellowship during its 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference and Conferment Ceremony held in Malaybalay City, Bukidnon;

WHEREAS, through his able leadership and stewardship, the Senate was able to perform productively in terms of measures vital to the interests of the country as a whole, thus keeping the image and integrity of this august Chamber worthy of the respect and trust of the people it is bound to serve: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend, as it hereby commends, the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Majority Leader, the Honorable Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, for his excellent performance and outstanding leadership in steering the deliberations of the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines.

Adopted,

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This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 1, 2022.

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