

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
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Manila City

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Second Regular Session



RESOLUTION No. 120

RESOLUTION COMMENDING HONORABLE
JOEL VILLANUEVA FOR HIS INVALUABLE
CONTRIBUTION AS MAJORITY LEADER, AND
FOR ABLY STEERING THE PROCEEDINGS OF
THE SENATE IN THE FIRST AND SECOND
REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE NINETEENTH
CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, by tradition and the demands of the office,
the Majority Leader must possess the highest qualities of
leadership, intellectual prowess, and mastery and command of
parliamentary rules and procedures;

WHEREAS, Honorable Joel Villanueva in his capacity as
Majority Leader and Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

effectively led the conduct of plenary proceedings of the Senate in the First and Second Regular Sessions, resulting in prolific discussions and vigorous debates while maintaining a harmonious working relationship among the members;

WHEREAS, his able stewardship on the floor paved the way for the passage of landmark pieces of legislation, such as the Internet Transactions Act, the Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act, the New Agrarian Emancipation Act, the Ease of Paying Taxes Act, the Regional Specialty Centers Act, the Tatak Pinoy (Proudly Filipino) Act, and the law expanding the Centenarians Act of 2016 to grant benefits to Filipino octogenarians and nonagenarians, among others;

WHEREAS, on top of his duties as Majority Leader and Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, he kept his commitment to serve the people, actively participating in committee and plenary deliberations of vital measures, namely the New Government Procurement Act, the ratification of International Labour Organization Convention No. 81, the Anti-Financial Accounts Scamming Act, and the Php100 Daily Minimum Wage Increase Act of 2024, among others;

WHEREAS, a champion of worker's rights, he principally authored and sponsored Republic Act No. 11962 or the "*Trabaho Para sa Bayan Act*", which mandates the creation of a national employment generation and recovery master plan to promote job-led economic growth and enhanced industry collaboration, provide overall services for worker development, and push for support and incentives to businesses;

WHEREAS, the former head of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) also introduced and sponsored the Enterprise-Based Education and Training Framework Act and other bills to address job-skills mismatch and improve the technical-vocational sector;

WHEREAS, his overall performance as Majority Leader and as a Senator of the Republic deserves commendation and recognition by the members of this Chamber and the Filipino people: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend Honorable Joel Villanueva for his invaluable contribution as Majority Leader, and for ably steering the proceedings of the Senate in the First and Second Regular Sessions of the Nineteenth Congress of the Philippines.

Adopted,



FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on
May 22, 2024.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.

Secretary of the Senate

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