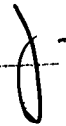


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RESOLUTION

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, during his term as a senator, 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 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 R.A. 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 competently led the investigations of various irregularities in government, notable of which is the recent pork barrel scam which resulted in the filing of plunder and other charges against several prominent lawmakers, government officials and private persons; and likewise, presided the public hearing on the alleged money laundering involving 81 million US dollars 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 likewise authored and co-authored relevant legislations, such as the Fair Competition Act, the Philippine National Design Competitiveness Act, the "Araw ng Pagbasa Act," the amendment to the PTV 4 Charter Act, Sangguniang Bayan Eligibility Act, Anti-Terrorism Financing Act, the Amendments to the Anti-Money Laundering Act, allowing ex-parte inquiries into bank accounts, and the expansion of the definition of money laundering, expanded 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 promoting good governance, ethical leadership and support effective and ethical leaders in government, against graft and corruption; and participated actively in the impeachment hearing of the complaint against a former president and an ombudsman;

WHEREAS, his significant contributions during the 15th and 16th 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,


ALAN PETER COMPAÑERO S. CAYETANO ^{ld}
Senator