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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO SENATOR PAOLO BENIGNO "BAM" AQUINO IV FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE NATION DURING HIS TERM AS SENATOR

WHEREAS, the Honorable Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV served as Senator for the 16th and 17th Congresses (2013 – 2019);

WHEREAS, despite being a neophyte Senator and the youngest elected legislator in the 16th Congress, Senator Bam Aquino performed his task with ease, exhibiting the finest qualities of a good legislator, advocating for the passage of bills focusing on entrepreneurship, education, culture and arts, and science and technology;

WHEREAS, during his term as Senator, he served as chairperson of various Senate committees, namely: Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Youth; Education, Culture and Arts; and Science and Technology;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship and being a former social entrepreneur himself, he indefatigably supported and authored several measures that would further promote and strengthen micro, small and medium enterprises, cooperatives, and non- government organizations, and protect consumers, most notable of which are the following: Republic Act No. 10644 or the "Go Negosyo Act"; Republic Act No. 10744 or the "Credit Surety Fund Cooperative Act"; Republic Act No. 10667 or the "Philippine Competition Law"; Republic Act No. 10642, also known as the "Philippine Lemon Law"; and Republic Act No. 10693 or the "Microfinance NGO Act";

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Committee on Youth, he was instrumental in the enactment of Republic Act No. 10679 or the "Youth Entrepreneurship Act", the law which encourages students to engage in entrepreneurship at the young age by providing them financial literacy modules and other support in all levels of education;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture, he endeavored in the passage of a measure that would ease the financial burden of students and their parents in pursuing their college education such as Republic Act No. 10931, otherwise known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act", the law which provides free tuition and miscellaneous fees in all state universities and colleges, local universities and colleges, and

TESDA-run vocational institutions, grants scholarship to students of both public and private college and universities, and offers a new and improved student loan program;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology, he advocated for laws that would strongly encourage and assist the development of science and technology in the country, such as the following noteworthy pieces of legislations: Republic Act No. 11035 or the "Balik Scientist Act; Republic Act No. 10929 or the "Free Internet in Public Spaces Act"; and Republic Act No. 10844 or the DICT Law also known as the "Department of Information and Communications Technology Act of 2015,";

WHEREAS, a firm believer of equal access to opportunities for public service and a staunch supporter of the anti-political dynasty provision of the Constitution, he spearheaded the passage of Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as "SK Electoral Reform Law, the law which strictly prohibits relatives of elected or appointed officials up to the 2nd level of consanguinity from pursuing SK posts;

WHEREAS, deeply concerned over the plights of the masses, particularly the children, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and elderly, he co-authored and pursued the enactment of measures addressing their concerns, such as: Republic Act No. 11037 or the "Masustansyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino Act", Republic Act No. 10754 or the Expanded Benefits and Privileges for PWDs, Republic Act No. 10645 or the "Expanded Senior Citizen's Act", and Republic Act No. 10911 or the "Anti-Age Discrimination In Employment Act";

WHEREAS, his exemplary performance during his term as senator, having authored and sponsored more than 40 important laws under his name, is a great achievement worthy of the emulation and admiration by the Members of this august Chamber: *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To express, as it hereby expresses, its gratitude and appreciation to Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, for his invaluable contributions to the Senate and the nation during his term as Senator.

Adopted,



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Senator