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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO SENATOR JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE NATION DURING HIS TERM AS SENATOR

WHEREAS, the Honorable Joseph Victor G. Ejercito served as Senator for the 16th and 17th Congresses (2013 – 2019);

WHEREAS, during his term as Senator, he served as Chairman of the Committees on Health and Demography; Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; Economic Affairs; and the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on National Health Insurance Program;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Committee on Health and Demography, he principally sponsored and steadfastly worked hard for the passage of the following landmark pieces of legislations: Republic Act No. 11223 or the “Universal Health Care Act” which grants automatic health coverage for all Filipinos in the National Health Insurance Program and for which he earned the moniker “Mr. Healthcare”; and Republic Act No. 11215 or the “National Integrated Cancer Control Act” which provides for comprehensive, accessible and affordable cancer treatments for all cancer patients and works on minimizing the incidence of preventable cancer cases, mortality and impact of adult and childhood cancer;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement, he resolutely pushed for the approval of Republic Act No. 11201 which creates the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development; and Republic Act No. 10646, otherwise known as the “Charter of the Quezon City Development Authority”, the law which seeks to promote investments and generate employment in Quezon City, as well as to provide adequate and affordable housing to marginalize and low-income families in the city;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Committee on Economic Affairs, he spearheaded the enactment of economic-related measures, namely; Republic Act No. 10881 which allows full or 100 percent foreign ownership in adjustment, lending, and financial companies, and investment houses; Republic Act No. 10922 or the “Economic and Financial Literacy Act” which was enacted to develop national consciousness on economic and financial literacy among the youth and the citizens in general; and Republic Act No. 10879 or the “MIMAROPA Act”, which envisages to promote efficiency, economy and lead to greater impact in the delivery of government services in the MIMAROPA Region in Southern Tagalog;

WHEREAS, concerned with the welfare and safety of the children as the future of this nation, he principally authored and sponsored Republic Act No. 11229, or the "Child Safety in Motor Vehicles Act", which aims to ensure the safety and welfare of child passengers by requiring vehicle owners to use the child restraint systems on board motor vehicles and by restricting children from sitting in the front seats of automobiles;

WHEREAS, in cooperation with other members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food, he staunchly supported the investment and growth of the agricultural sector, aggressively taking action for the passage of the following vital measures: Republic Act No. 10845 or the "Anti-Agricultural Smuggling Act of 2015" which declares large-scale agricultural smuggling as economic sabotage offense not subject to bail; Republic Act No. 10816 or the "Farm Tourism Act of 2015" which aims to promote and develop farm tourism in the country; and Republic Act No. 10969 or the "Free Irrigation Service Act" which supports the small farmers through the condonation of all their unpaid irrigation fees and provide for free irrigation services;

WHEREAS, publicly dubbed as the "The Good One" whose enviable track record in the Senate registered a total of 173 bills and 108 resolutions filed, 75 of the bills were enacted into laws that definitely helped improve the quality of life of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, his immeasurable contribution to the 16th and 17th Congresses has been highly instrumental to the Chamber's outstanding achievement: *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To Express, as it is hereby expresses, its gratitude and appreciation to Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito for his invaluable contributions to the Senate and the nation during his term as Senator.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
Senator