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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO SENATOR ANTONIO 'SONNY' F. TRILLANES IV FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE NATION DURING HIS TERMS AS SENATOR

WHEREAS, the Honorable Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV has served as Senator for two (2) consecutive terms (2007-2013 and 2013-2019);

WHEREAS, during his terms as senator, he served with honor and distinction as chairman of the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation and National Defense and Security, and the Oversight Committees on Intelligence; Disaster Risk Reduction; AFP Modernization; and Agrarian Reform;

WHEREAS, he registered the most number of legislative measures enacted into laws as principal author and principal sponsor, foremost of which were the following: Republic Act No. 10154 which provides for the immediate release of retirement benefits of government employees within 30 days after the actual date of retirement; Republic Act No. 10668, otherwise known as the "Cabotage Law", the law which promotes competition in the maritime cargo; and Republic Act No. 10635 which establishes MARINA as the single maritime administration responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the STCW Convention;

WHEREAS, being a former soldier himself genuinely concerned over the predicaments of the Philippine soldiers and uniformed personnel, he authored and sponsored various legislative measures addressing the concerns of the men in uniform, notably: Republic Act No. 10349, otherwise known as the "New AFP Modernization Law"; Joint Resolution No. 5 which increases the subsistence allowance of uniformed personnel; Republic Act No. 10664 or the "Armed Forces of the Filipino Week Act"; and Republic Act No. 10649 which increases the burial assistance to veterans;

WHEREAS, his growing list of legislative accomplishments includes Republic Act No. 10591 or the "Gun Control Act"; Republic Act No. 10627, otherwise known as the "Anti-Bullying Act"; Republic Act No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012; Republic Act No. 10364, otherwise known as the "Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012"; Republic Act No. 10176, also known as the "Arbor Day Act of 2012"; and Republic Act No. 10589 or the "Anti-Corruption Month Act"; **WHEREAS**, a firm believer in empowering the country's marginalized sectors and senior citizens, he has continuously worked in finding ways to guarantee their full enjoyment of basic rights and to ensure the protection of their well-being, through measures such as the Magna Carta of the Poor, the Instutionalized Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act, and the National Commission for Senior Citizens Act;

WHEREAS, instilled with a strong advocacy for good governance and public accountability, he conducted and participated actively in the public hearing of widespread corruption cases and anomalies in the government, notably the corruption in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the anomalous construction of Makati car parking building, the country's corrupt justice system, and the rampant corruption at the Bureau of Customs;

WHEREAS, for his outstanding performance of his duties as a legislator and for giving honor and pride to the country in his various regional and national engagements, he immeasurably contributed to the outstanding achievements of the Senate during the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th Congresses for which this august Chamber is truly grateful; *Now therefore be it*

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To Express, as it is hereby expresses, its

gratitude and appreciation to Senator Antonio 'Sonny' F. Trillanes IV for his

invaluable contributions to the Senate and the Nation during his terms as

Senator.

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Adopted,

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI Senator