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RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING THE SENATE INSTITUTE ON LEGISLATIVE
STUDIES AND TRAINING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE
SENATE INSTITUTE FOR THE CONTINUING EDUCATION,
STUDIES, RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR THE
MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, ITS OFFICERS AND STAFF,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

1 **WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the Senate of the Philippines to
2 establish, implement, maintain, and support an integrated system of
3 continuing education, studies, research and training programs that would
4 enhance the institution's individual and collective standards, which are
5 critical in fulfilling the inherent functions the Senate is constitutionally
6 mandated to perform;

7 **WHEREAS**, it has been a compelling vision of the Senate to set in
8 motion efforts toward the establishment of a legislative institute that
9 would provide continuing research, studies and training support to the
10 members of the Senate in their duties on lawmaking, contemporary
11 governance, and other functions, and adequately prepare the staff and
12 personnel of the Senate in delivering efficient and effective services that
13 would bring the Senate closer to the people by imparting to them the
14 intricacies and dynamics of lawmaking and the role of the Senate in
15 nation-building;

1 **WHEREAS**, to realize this, the Senate Institute is hereby
2 established as the Senate's training arm on legislation, governance,
3 research, and inter-parliamentary relations;

4 **WHEREAS**, the objectives of the Senate Institute shall be as
5 follows:

6 (a) To strengthen the Senate as a premier legislative institution that
7 promotes good governance, encourages policy research and information-
8 sharing, and advocates transparency;

9 (b) To advance the work of legislators and the role of Congress
10 vis-à-vis the expectations of the people, enhance public knowledge, and
11 encourage active public participation in legislation and governance;

12 (c) To develop expertise on research and legislative policy studies
13 and enhance the capability of those who are engaged in legislative work,
14 as well as those who are interested in it;

15 (d) To serve as a linkage to other government agencies, local
16 governments, professional circles, student and youth organizations,
17 academe and training centers, and other local and foreign legislative
18 assemblies, on matters relating to its functions;

19 (e) To offer quality-oriented capacity building for the Senate, its
20 staff and other local government leaders who desire to avail of the
21 training programs which will aid them in the analysis of the principles
22 and techniques of legislative drafting in relation to local and national
23 legislation; and

24 (f) To provide a venue for young Filipinos to learn more of the
25 workings of a representative democracy and inspire them to pursue
26 careers in legislation and policy advocacies;

27 **WHEREAS**, the Senate Institute shall avail of the services and
28 expertise of former and incumbent members of Congress, Senate
29 officers and staff who are knowledgeable and/or experts in legislation
30 and policymaking considering their extensive works, studies and

1 trainings, as well as guest lecturers and experts from the country and
2 abroad;

3 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby
4 resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to establish the Senate
5 Institute on Legislative Studies and Training Center to be known as the
6 Senate Institute for the continuing education, studies, research and
7 training programs for the members of the Senate, its officers and staff;

8 **RESOLVED, FURTHER**, That the Senate Secretary, assisted by
9 a Board of Advisers to be chosen by the members of the Senate, shall
10 exercise administrative control and supervision in the formulation and
11 implementation of continuing education, studies, research, and training
12 programs, and provide direction on the Senate Institute's curriculum
13 and operation;

14 **RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE**, That a secretariat of the Senate
15 Institute shall be composed of a Director General and such other
16 personnel as may be necessary to be appointed by the Senate President.
17 *Provided*, That the Senate President shall designate an interim secretariat
18 from among the officers and staff of the Senate, who shall serve for a
19 period of not more than one (1) year from the adoption of this resolution;

20 **RESOLVED, FINALLY**, That the initial funding for the first year
21 of program implementation shall be set aside by the Senate President
22 chargeable against existing savings; and funds for the continuing
23 implementation of the program shall be included in the appropriations of
24 the Senate of the Philippines in the General Appropriations Act.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III