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Introduced by **SENATOR VICENTE C. SOTTO III**

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION OF SENATOR CYNTHIA A. VILLAR FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CENTER OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, eighteen years ago, the Senate Public Assistance Center was created by virtue of Policy Order No. 2001-013 by then Senate President Franklin M. Drilon, wherein the mandate of which is to provide financial and legal assistance, among others, to thousands of indigent Filipinos seeking aid in the Senate;

WHEREAS, for the past eighteen years, the Senate PAC has attended to numerous constituents of the Senators who requested for assistance in the form of medicines, medical care, transportation, legal assistance, job placement, referrals and the like and direct them to the appropriate government agency, and the particular official or employee who can act on their papers; coordinate with the various Senators; offices relative to the numerous requests of the public;

WHEREAS, based on the data from the Senate PAC for 2018 and 2019, an average of 3,100 and 2,500 constituents, respectively, visit the PAC every month for medical assistance request, and an average of 54 and 184 constituents, respectively, visit the PAC every month for other requests;

WHEREAS, the efforts of Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go paved the way for the establishment of a Malasakit Counter in the Senate's PAC. The said Malasakit Counter aims to consolidate the assistance provided by the health and social welfare departments, as well as the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office to further facilitate the processing of our constituents' request;

WHEREAS, by reason of the initiative of Senator Go to create a Malasakit Counter in the PAC, its renovation was set in motion in October 2019;

WHEREAS, through the generosity, kind heart, and compassion of Senator Cynthia A. Villar, the renovation of the PAC was made possible by donating her personal funds for the construction of the said facility;

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2019, the newly renovated PAC of the Senate of the Philippines was opened to the public wherein a well-lit, fully air-conditioned, conducive and spacious PAC awaits thousands of constituents seeking help in the Senate;

WHEREAS, the said renovation has provided our constituents a better and more comfortable experience that would somehow aid in alleviating the distress that they are currently experiencing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, the Senate of the Philippines recognizes the invaluable contribution of Senator Cynthia A. Villar for the renovation of the Public Assistance Center of the Senate of the Philippines.

Adopted,

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