

SENATE
P. S. RES. NO. 1019

Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN M. DRILON, FOR HIS INVALUABLE AND EXEMPLARY CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Honorable Senator Franklin M. Drilon, has performed his role as Minority Leader during the 18th Congress with clear convictions, integrity, utmost dedication and distinction;

WHEREAS, a veteran and experienced lawmaker with an enormous accomplishments and impeccable record in public service, he unselfishly and humbly shared his knowledge and expertise in legislative process during floor deliberations and debates;

WHEREAS, a dedicated and hardworking public servant, he fearlessly and constructively articulated his views and opinions on urgent matters of national concern and worked in harmony with his fellow senators belonging to the majority but without compromising the position of the minority in the passage of important measures to address the Covid-19 pandemic, to wit: RA 11469 or the "Bayanihan To Heal As One Act"; RA 11494 which is also known as the "Bayanihan To Recover As One Act"; RA 11519, which extends the availability of appropriations under RA 11494; RA 11525 which establishes the COVID-19 Vaccination Program; and RA 11640, which extends the availability of the 2021 national budget until December 31, 2022;

WHEREAS, despite the COVID-19 outbreak and lockdown, he still registered a perfect attendance in the 18th Congress and actively participated during the public hearings and plenary sessions via teleconference on debates and discussions on matters relating to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, particularly the investigation on the anomalous transactions that involved executives of the Pharmally Pharmaceutical Corporation and high ranking government officials, and the General Appropriations Act for the year 2020, 2021 and 2022;

WHEREAS, the country's economic managers have lauded him for his major contributions and outstanding work in shepherding the passage of the three economic reform laws that will hasten the country's economic recovery from the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, namely: RA 11595 which amends the "Retail Trade Liberalization Act"; RA 11647 which amends the "Foreign Investment Act"; and RA 11659 which amends the "Public Service Act";

WHEREAS, fully concerned with the threat of the soaring oil and gas prices in the world market to the country's economy, he called for the suspension of the collection of fuel excise taxes to cushion the financial impact of such hikes in the lives of the ordinary Filipinos;

WHEREAS, known for his very meticulous and incisive interpellations, he is admittedly one of the most feared and dreaded interpellators during floor deliberations of a proposed measure but, in the end, his detailed and important examinations have been proven to be helpful in the enactment of a well-crafted and error-free piece of legislation;

WHEREAS, a fierce and intellectual debater with no qualms about its repercussions, he authored measures which seek to prohibit political dynasties, strengthen the political party system, discourage political turncoatism, and criminalize red tagging, along with other proposed pieces of legislation that would reinforce the government arsenal of anti-corruption measures;

WHEREAS, under the leadership of a tireless and righteous leader with an untainted devotion to his duties, the Minority Group have been constructively critical to the Majority Group but was never a stumbling block to a productive Senate, thus helping the institution maintain its independence and true role as the last bastion of democracy in the country;

WHEREAS, for his invaluable and exemplary contributions during the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines, he truly deserves the commendation of this august Chamber and the gratitude of the Filipino people: *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, To commend, as it hereby commends, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Honorable Franklin M. Drilon, for his invaluable and exemplary contributions during the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines.

Adopted,


JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
Senator