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Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SENSE OF THE SENATE IN HONORING THE 8th UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON AND COMMENDING HIS OUTSTANDING GLOBAL CONTRIBUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate, with deep respect and admiration, acknowledges the exceptional contributions of Mr. Ban Ki-moon in shaping the global landscape;

WHEREAS, having been elected as the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General for two terms from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2016, Mr. Ban Ki-moon demonstrated unwavering commitment to the principles and objectives of the United Nations Charter, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy;

WHEREAS, the visionary leadership of the eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations advocated and mobilized world leaders and parliaments for the adoption of various landmark projects, such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (UNSDGs), highlighting the importance of collective action to address poverty, hunger, inequality, climate crisis, and other pressing issues facing humanity;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ban Ki-moon actively engaged in decisive efforts to address climate change wherein one of his first major initiatives was the 2007 Climate Change Summit which highlighted his leadership in particular, during the lead-up to the 2015 Paris Agreement, a landmark accord bringing nations together for collective action to combat climate change and limit global temperature rise;

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has consistently played a pivotal role in addressing global challenges, championing peace and security, advancing sustainable development, advocating for human rights, addressing issues such as the rights of children and refugees, and tirelessly working towards achieving a just and equitable world;

WHEREAS, in order to help in rebuilding after the super-typhoon Yolanda, he visited the Philippines in 2013 and urged the international community to bolster support for the country's recovery efforts;

WHEREAS, his proactive efforts to strengthen the United Nation's response to global health crises, including the H1N1 pandemic and the Ebola outbreak, stand as a testament to his commitment, highlighted by the establishment of the organization's first ever emergency health mission: the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER);

WHEREAS, as a staunch advocate for gender equality, Mr. Ban Ki-moon pioneered the creation of UN Women, resulting in the increase of the number of women employed within the UN, and, he likewise actively supported the HeForShe campaign initiative as the first to declare "I am HeForShe" during the launch of the global campaign;

WHEREAS, as a global leader, Mr. Ban Ki-moon played a crucial role in strengthening UN peace efforts by overseeing various peacekeeping missions, contributing to conflict resolution, and fostering peace and stability in regions afflicted with unrest;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ban Ki-moon confronted complex global as well as regional challenges with measured and pragmatic diplomacy, showcasing his diplomatic skills and commitment to multilateralism that earned him the respect and admiration of leaders and citizens around the world, leaving an indelible mark on the history of United Nations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Philippine Senate expresses its profound gratitude and honors the outstanding global contributions of the 8th United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Adopted.



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