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Introduced by Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING HONORABLE JOEL VILLANUEVA, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND MAJORITY LEADER, FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SENATE AND FOR ABLY STEERING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE IN THE FIRST AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, by tradition and the demands of the office, the Majority Leader must possess the highest qualities of leadership, intellectual prowess, and mastery and command of parliamentary rules and procedures;

WHEREAS, Honorable Joel Villanueva in his concurrent capacity as Majority Leader and Chairperson of the Committee on Rules effectively led the conduct of plenary proceedings of the Senate in its First and Second Regular Sessions, resulting in prolific discussions and vigorous debates while maintaining a harmonious working relationship among the members;

WHEREAS, his able stewardship on the floor paved the way for the passage of landmark legislations, such as the Internet Transactions Act, the Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act, New Agrarian Emancipation Act, Ease of Paying Taxes, the law Expanding the Centenarians Act to Grant Benefits to Filipino Octogenarians and Nonagenarians, Regional Specialty Centers Act, and Tatak Pinoy (Proudly Filipino) Act, among others;

WHEREAS, on top of his duties as Majority Leader and Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, he kept his commitment to serve the people by actively participating in the committee and plenary deliberations of vital pieces of legislation pending in the Senate, namely the New Government Procurement Act, Ratification of International Labour Organization Convention No. 81, Anti-Financial Accounts Scamming Act, and the Php100 Daily Minimum Wage Increase Act of 2024, among others;

WHEREAS, a champion of worker's rights, he principally authored and sponsored Republic Act No. 11962 or the "*Trabaho Para sa Bayan Act*," which mandates the creation of a national employment generation and recovery master plan to promote job-led economic growth and enhanced industry collaboration, provide overall services for worker development, and push for support and incentives to businesses;

WHEREAS, the former head of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) also introduced bills to address job-skills mismatch and improve the tech-voc sector, one of which is the Enterprise-Based Education Framework Act;

WHEREAS, his overall performance as Majority Leader and as a Senator of the Republic deserves commendation and recognition by the members of this Chamber and the Filipino people: Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To commend, as it hereby commends, Honorable Joel Villanueva, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Majority Leader, for his invaluable contribution to the performance of the Senate and for ably steering the proceedings of the Senate in the First and Second Regular Sessions of the Nineteenth Congress of the Philippines.

Adopted,



FRANCIS "TOL" N. TOLENTINO
Senate Majority Leader