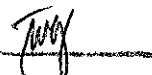


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**RESOLUTION**  
**COMMENDING JOHN GOKONGWEI, JR. FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL**  
**COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION THROUGH HIS VARIOUS**  
**CHARITABLE DONATIONS IN DIFFERENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**  
**ALL OVER THE PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, John Gokongwei, Jr. is a "rags-to-riches" icon of a Filipino who started his lessons in life and business when his father died suddenly when he was 13 yrs old, which left him the responsibility of taking care of his mother and five siblings;

WHEREAS, sometime in the 1970s while in the midst of building his business ventures Mr. Gokongwei, Jr. enrolled at the De La Salle University for a master's degree in business administration, and later on enrolled in a 14-week advanced management program at Harvard University;

WHEREAS, through sheer hard-work and determination Mr. Gokongwei became one of the captains of our industries today by building a multi-billion business empire investing in the food, airline, telephone and real estate industries;

WHEREAS, Mr. Gokongwei paid his dues to philanthropy when he established the Gokongwei Brothers Foundation (GBF) which put up the GBF Training Center as an advance technical school for engineering graduates, the Children's Library – a multi-media free libraries at the Robinsons shopping malls, and donated P200 million in endowment to the Ateneo de Manila University;

WHEREAS, to celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, John Gokongwei Jr. announced that he will be donating a large portion of his personal shareholdings at JG Summit amounting to P10.5 billion to GBF to further fund projects involving the betterment of the educational system in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, John Gokongwei, Jr. is a truly a benevolent entrepreneur-business leader and an enlightened philanthropist who never forgotten his roots, used his talents, skills and blessings to establish great companies but always showed his generosity by his commitment to elevate he level of education in our country;

WHEREAS, his donations and commitment to improving and uplifting the quality of education in the Philippines has earned him the respect and admiration of all businesspeople and the high esteem of our countrymen: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved as it is hereby Resolved,* that the Senate Expresses Its Commendation To Filipino Taipan John Gokongwei, Jr. For His Exceptional Commitment To The Cause Of Education Through His Various Charitable Donations In Different Colleges And Universities All Over The Philippines.

Adopted,



RAMON FONG REVILLA, JR.