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**Introduced by Senator Pangilinan**  
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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND GRATITUDE OF THE SENATE TO ITS ESTEEMED PRESIDENT, THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN M. DRILON, FOR HIS IMPECCABLE INTEGRITY, WISDOM, AND FIRM LEADERSHIP OF THE SENATE DURING THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, the Senate President, the Honorable Franklin M. Drilon, discharged the responsibilities of his office and directed the affairs of the Senate with commendable integrity, competence, impartiality and sense of purpose and direction;

**WHEREAS**, amidst issues affecting national interest such as the move to change the Constitution, the Calibrated Preemptive Response (CPR), Executive Order 464, and Presidential Proclamation No. 1017, he conducted the deliberations of the Senate with full respect for the views and opinions of every Member, regardless of political affiliation, promoting goodwill and mutual respect between the Chair and the individual Senators, and guided its Members so that their collective wisdom effectively addresses all pressing public issues in free, open, and democratic debates;

**WHEREAS**, an independent-minded public servant with high sense of moral rectitude and firm commitment to always uphold the national interest above personal interest and aspiration, he promoted the general welfare of our people with great zeal, selflessness, and compassion;

**WHEREAS**, asserting at all times the dignity and independence of the Senate, he led the Senate in denouncing EO 464 giving the Chief Executive the authority to control the flow of information from the Executive Branch, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and the Philippine National Police to the Legislative Branch - maintaining that the executive order was in violation of the Constitution as it impairs the right and prerogative of the Senate to conduct inquiries in aid of legislation;

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court vindicated the position of the Senate when it declared the prior-consent requirement of the President under Section 2 (b) and 3 of EO 464 void, concluding that Congress undoubtedly has a right to information from the executive whenever it is sought in aid of legislation, such as those investigations thus far conducted on the Venable LLP contract, the fertilizer scam, the North Rail project, COMELEC modernization scam, and the Marcos ill-gotten wealth fund diversion;

**WHEREAS**, giving highest regard to the fundamental right of the people to peaceably assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances, he spearheaded the unanimous adoption by the Senate of Resolution No. 67, condemning the acts carried out pursuant to Proclamation No. 1017;

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court upheld the Senate stand when it declared as unconstitutional the provisions of Proclamation No. 1017 commanding the AFP to enforce laws not related to lawless violence, as well as decrees promulgated by the President;

**WHEREAS**, under his leadership and guidance, the Senate enacted significant pieces of legislation that benefited majority of our people such as R.A. No.9341, protecting housing tenants in the lower income brackets from unreasonable rent increases; R.A. Nos. 9334 and 9337, increasing various taxes with the aim of enhancing government income; R.A. No. 9344, otherwise known as the "Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006", establishing a comprehensive juvenile justice and welfare system; and the General Appropriation Act of 2006;

**WHEREAS**, believing in the meaning of leadership by example, he has conducted himself in an exemplary manner worthy of the praise and admiration of his colleagues in the Senate and countrymen: Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound gratitude to its esteemed President, the Honorable Franklin M. Drilon, to his impeccable integrity, wisdom, and firm leadership of the Senate during the Second Regular Session of the Thirteenth Congress of the Philippines.

Adopted,

  
**FRANCIS N. PANGILINAN**  
Senator