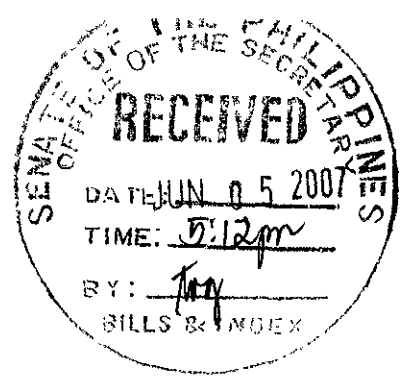


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S E N A T E
P.S. RES. NO. 640

Introduced by Senate President Manny Villar

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING THE HONORABLE SENATOR RALPH G. RECTO FOR HIS STERLING PERFORMANCE DURING THE 12TH AND 13TH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, after having served the House of Representatives for three consecutive terms as representative of the 4th district of Batangas, Senator Recto was elected senator in 2001 and was chosen to head the powerful Committee on Ways and Means;

WHEREAS, although the youngest member of the 12th Congress, Senator Recto had already demonstrated the best qualities of a good legislator even in the early part of his term, as he successfully defended the passage into law of legislative measures with positive impact for consumers, small entrepreneurs, workers and industry, such as the "Rent Reform Act of 2001"; "Film Development and Incentives Board"; "Barangay Micro Business Enterprises Act of 2002", "Special Purpose Vehicle Act of 2002" and the "Rationalization of Excise Tax on Automobiles";

WHEREAS, during the 13th Congress, he continued to pursue a progressive legislative agenda by sponsoring measures of national significance that will assure the future of our country, notably RA 9333, otherwise known as the "Lateral Attrition Law"; RA 9334, otherwise known as "Sin Tax Law"; RA 9341, otherwise known as the "Rent Control Law"; and RA 9343, which amends the "Special Purpose Vehicle Act 2002";

WHEREAS, an independent-minded legislator who ignored negative public opinions in favor of national interest and welfare, he pushed for the passage of unpopular but necessary and important measures that will move the country forward to progress and economic stability;

WHEREAS, ever mindful of the ballooning budget deficit, public debt and unemployment, he patiently defended on the floor the Reformed Value Added Tax that will basically raise more revenues to support the various health, education and other socio-economic programs of the government;

WHEREAS, deeply concerned over the plights of the masses, particularly the government employees, he introduced measure increasing the compensation of government workers, which to his mind would not only ease the worker's economic burden but would also result to better public service and governance;

WHEREAS, for his invaluable contribution to improve the lives of the Filipino people through quality pieces of legislation, he is worthy of the gratitude and appreciation of his peers in this august Chamber and the entire nation: Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To commend, as it hereby commends, the Honorable Ralph G. Recto for his sterling performance during the 12th and 13th Congress of the Philippines.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
Senate President