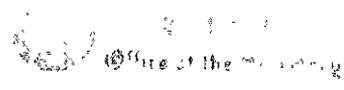


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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE HONORABLE SENATOR EDGARDO J. ANGARA, THE FIRST ASIAN TO BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS AGAINST CORRUPTION (GOPAC)**

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2013, the distinguished legislator from Aurora province, Senator Edgardo Javier Angara, was elected Chairman of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) during the 5<sup>th</sup> Conference held on January 30 to February 2, 2013 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City;

**WHEREAS**, Senator Angara, GOPAC's Executive Committee Vice-Chairman and President of the Southeast Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption (SEAPAC), owns the rare distinction of being the first Asian to be elected to this global organization of parliamentarians;

**WHEREAS**, the GOPAC's chairmanship is a fitting recognition of Senator Angara's passionate crusade towards the eradication of corruption with the belief that "corruption is a plague that affects individuals at the local level, and that this plague can have serious consequences globally";

**WHEREAS**, the 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the GOPAC, with the theme "Good Leaders, Good Laws, Good Citizens" and participated in by a record of 429 lawmakers from 78 countries, including 12 heads of Parliaments, agreed on the following vital resolutions: enhancing the capacity of parliamentarians to adopt international standards to national needs; strengthening anti-corruption strategies; monitoring the respective countries' compliance with the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC); helping each other develop and roll out resources to strengthen anti-money laundering regimes; allowing the public and civil society to participate in the fight against graft and corruption by providing education and access to information, as well as

protecting the rights of anti-corruption advocates; upholding fundamental standards while recognizing the differences in political and cultural context in which legislators work; and providing a network of support for women parliamentarians to enhance their capacity to participate in the fight against corruption, among others;

**WHEREAS**, the Conference was highlighted by the signing of the Manila Declaration, which states among others, to enact laws against graft, particularly for the recovery of ill-gotten wealth, and to enable the international community to prosecute the corrupt;

**WHEREAS**, Senator Angara's professional and proficient management in organizing the 5<sup>th</sup> Global Conference was commendable as observed by the outgoing Chairman of the GOPAC, Dr. Naser Al Sane, who thanked the Filipino people for their hospitality and excellent accommodation: Now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, To congratulate and commend, as it hereby commends, the Honorable Senator Edgardo Javier Angara, the first Asian to be elected Chairman of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC).

Adopted,

  
**VICENTE C. SOTTO III**  
Senator