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Introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO THE HONORABLE MANNY VILLAR FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE

WHEREAS, Honorable Manny Villar, the only Filipino who became both Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate after World War II, was first elected Senator in 2001;

WHEREAS, prior to his election as Senate President in July 2006, he also served as Senate President Pro Tempore and chaired the Committees on Finance, Foreign Relations, Agriculture, Accounts, Public Order and Dangerous Drugs, Economic Affairs, Trade and Commerce, Congressional Oversight Committee on Quality Affordable Medicines, and the Special Oversight Committee on Economic Affairs ;

WHEREAS, as head of the Upper Chamber at a time when influential sectors and powerful government institutions were moving to abolish the Senate through schemes such as People's Initiative to establish a unicameral legislature, he opposed and resisted such efforts and asserted the need for and independent Senate in a democratic system exercise of checks and balances;

WHEREAS, during his leadership, Senator Villar steadfastly pursued a legislative agenda that saw the passage of the following vital laws, among others: RA 9367, the Biofuels Act; RA 9369, amending the Automated Elections Act; RA 9372, the Human Security Act; RA 9397, amending the Urban Development and Housing Act; RA 9439, the Hospital Detention Law; RA 9422, Strengthening the Regulatory Functions of the POEA; RA 9514, Revised Fire Code, RA 9474, an Act that Governs the Operations and Regulation of Lending Companies; RA 9485, the Anti Red Tape Act; RA 9500, University of the Philippines Charter; and RA 9710, Magna Carta of Women;

WHEREAS, in the 14th and 15th Congresses, he spearheaded the passage of the following bills: RA 10557, Design Competitiveness Act; RA 10532, the Philippine National Health Research System; RA 10536, amendment of the Meat Inspection Code declaring the importation, selling and distribution of "botcha" as a criminal offense; RA 10372, Intellectual Property Code; RA 9994, Expanded Senior Citizen Act; RA 10070, Magna Carta for Disabled Person; and RA 10176, the Arbor Day Act, of which he was the principal author and which revived the Tree Planting Day as a yearly event for all local government units;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Senate's overall performance under his leadership, the Senate gained the trust and confidence of the Filipino people as shown by the high satisfaction rating it received during his tenure, earning for him the distinction of the "most trusted public official";

WHEREAS, in his desire to offer exemplary public service to his countrymen, particularly women, Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), veterans, and persons with disabilities, led him to establish the Villar Foundation, which provided these sectors to start a business, improve their plight, and fulfill their dreams of a better life through the time-honored Filipino values of *sipag at tyaga*; Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To express, as it hereby expresses, its gratitude and appreciation to the Honorable Manny Villar for his invaluable contributions to the Senate.

Adopted,



Senator Vicente C. Sotto III