

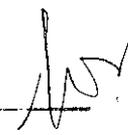
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Introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III

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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO THE HONORABLE JOKER P. ARROYO FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Joker P. Arroyo, a staunch human rights advocate, freedom fighter, and a firm believer in the rule of law, served as Senator in the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Congresses, and chaired the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon), Justice and Human Rights, and Public Services;

**WHEREAS**, as Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Committee, he spearheaded the investigations of the "COMELEC Modernization Scam" that established the anomalous transaction between the COMELEC and the Mega Pacific Consortium;

**WHEREAS**, his deep concern for the protection of the basic rights of citizens was evident when he strongly pushed for the repeal of the Death Penalty Law and the enactment of what is now the Human Rights Victims Reparation and Recognition Act;

**WHEREAS**, his regular and active participation in the deliberations of various bills of national interest far exceeded the standards for an ideal legislator, true to his personal conviction that a senator should be judged not by the bills he introduces or the speeches he delivers on the floor but through his voting record on crucial issues;

**WHEREAS**, he had successfully argued and won favorable rulings for the Senate in the Chamber's past cases before the Supreme Court, such as in the Petition questioning the constitutionality of Executive Order No.464, and in the separate Petitions for *Writ of Habeas Corpus* filed by the then National Security Adviser and former PCGG Chairman;

**WHEREAS**, he deserves the respect and admiration not only of the Senate but of the Filipino people as its strong, independent and articulate voice in the Chamber;  
*Now therefore be it*

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

*Adopted,*

  
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III