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SENATE P.S. RES. NO. <u>1746</u>

Introduced by Senator Alan Peter Compañero S. Cayetano

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO HONORABLE PIA S. CAYETANO FOR HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE NATION DURING HER TERMS AS SENATOR

WHEREAS, the Honorable Pia S. Cayetano has served as Senator for two consecutive terms of office (2004-2010 and 2010-2016);

WHEREAS, during her terms as Senator, she served as Chairperson of the various key Senate committees such as Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Health and Demography; Youth, Women and Family Relations; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Environment and Natural Resources;

WHEREAS, the hardworking lady Senator earned the rare distinction of being the first Filipina and Asian in the history of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to be elected President of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians, a position she held from 2008-2010;

WHEREAS, a public servant committed to the common good and a known defender of women's rights and staunch advocate of health, she was instrumental in the enactment into law of the following landmark legislations: the Reproductive Health Act which provides women access to information and health care services to realize their reproductive health rights; the Sin Tax Reform Act which generates additional revenue for the country's healthcare system while also discouraging Filipinos from the unhealthy behaviors of smoking and excessive drinking; and the Graphic Health Warning Act which requires all cigarette packages sold in the market to bear picture-based warnings on the hazardous effects of smoking;

WHEREAS, her growing list of legislative accomplishments includes: the Iskolar ng Bayan Act, the Ladderized Education Act, the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UNIFAST) Act; the National Health Insurance Act; the Foster Care Act; the Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act; the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act; Establishment of Persons with Disability Affairs Office Act; the Expanded Senior Citizens Act; the Food and Drugs Administration Act; the Magna Carta of Women; the Universally Accessible Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act; the Anti-Rabies Act; and the National Environmental Awareness and Education Act, among others;

WHEREAS, as champion of women's rights, she continued to find ways to improve the quality of life of women through her proposed legislative measures such as the Expanded Maternity Leave and the Anti-Prostitution bills;

WHEREAS, her contributions to the Senate have been very vital to the Chamber's fruitful performance during the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th Congresses: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To express, as it hereby expresses, its gratitude and appreciation to the Honorable Pia S. Cayetano for her invaluable contributions to the Senate and the nation during her terms as Senator.

Adopted,

ALAN PETER COMPAÑERO S. CAYETANO

Senator