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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO SENATOR GREGORIO "GRINGO" B. HONASAN II FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE NATION DURING HIS TERMS AS SENATOR

WHEREAS, Senator Gregorio "Gringo" B. Honasan II has served as Senator for two consecutive terms (2007-2013 and 2013-2019);

WHEREAS, a reformist-turned-legislator, Senator Honasan pursued throughout his two consecutive terms, his advocacies in national security, good governance, peace and reconciliation, social reforms, public safety and the environment while serving as Assistant Majority Leader and Chairperson of various key Senate and Congressional Oversight Committees;

WHEREAS, pro-active in giving importance to disaster mitigation and preparedness measures, he co-authored and sponsored Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010", which provides a comprehensive, all-hazard, multisectoral, interagency and community-based approach to disaster risk management through the formulation of the National Risk Disaster Management Framework;

WHEREAS, as Chairperson of the Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation, he pushed for the passage of Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as the "Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL)", which provides for the creation of the Bangsa Moro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, and is designed to address the grievances, sentiments and demands of the Filipino Muslims for peace, development and stability in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, as chairperson of the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs, he was instrumental in the passage of the following important measures: Republic Act No.10640 entitled, "An Act to Further Strengthen the Anti-Drug Campaign of the Government, Amending for the Purpose Section 21 of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002", which would speed up the process in the inventory of confiscated illegal drugs and help prevent the dismissal of drug cases due to technicalities in the custody and disposition of drug evidence; Republic Act No. 9514, the law which establishes a Comprehensive Fire Code of the Philippines; Republic Act No. 9516, the law which imposes stiffer penalties for illegal possession of explosives; Republic Act No. 9592, the law which extends for five (5) years the period to comply with the educational and eligibility requirements for appointment to the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP); and Republic Act No. 9708, the law which extends for five (5) years the period to comply with the educational qualification requirement for appointment to the Philippine National Police (PNP);

WHEREAS, true to his advocacy for the equitable distribution of agricultural land to the landless farmers and farm workers, he shepherded the enactment of Republic Act No. 9700, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program Extension with Reforms (CARPER Law)", the legislation that extends the implementation period of the government's Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law for another five years;

WHEREAS, always recognizing the vital role of the youth as the country's most strategic and precious resource in nation-building, over and above his duties as a legislator, he sponsored and supported the computer education scholarship of 3,000 students through the SulongDunongsa Kaunlaran Program and the college scholarships of 106 out-of-school-youth;

WHEREAS, for his outstanding performance as a senator and for his vital contributions to the Senate's productive achievements during the 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th Congresses, he truly deserves the gratitude and appreciation of this august Chamber: *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To express, as it hereby expresses, its

gratitude and appreciation to Senator Gregorio "Gringo" B. Honasan II, for his

invaluable contributions to the Senate and the nation during his terms as

Senator.

Adopted,

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI Senator