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**SENATE**

**P. S. RES. NO. 1016**

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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

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**RESOLUTION**

**COMMENDING THE HONORABLE SENATOR PANFILO M. LACSON FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE FILIPINO PEOPLE DURING HIS TERM AS SENATOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Panfilo M. Lacson, a dedicated public servant and a staunch advocate of honest, competent and responsive governance, has served as Senator during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Congresses (2016-2022);

**WHEREAS**, a distinguished and indefatigable member of the Senate, he was elected Chairperson of various key Senate Committees, such as National Defense and Security; Accounts; Games and Amusement; and Public Order and Dangerous Drugs;

**WHEREAS**, as Chairman of the Committees on National Defense and Security, and Public Order and Dangerous Drugs, he authored and sponsored several laws affecting the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) as well as the security of the country, particularly RA 11709, or the "Act Strengthening Professionalism and Promoting Continuity of Policies and Modernization Initiatives in the AFP", which prescribes a fixed 3-year term for the AFP Chief of Staff and Senior Officers and ends the "revolving door policy" or the practice in the appointment of key AFP officials, which was done not through merit but through patronage politics or *palakasan*; RA 11200, or the "PNP Rank Classification Act" which provides for a rank classification in the PNP that eliminates confusion on how PNP officers must be addressed; and RA 11409, or the "Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020" which seeks to prevent, prohibit and penalize terrorism;

**WHEREAS**, he also authored RA 11691, or the "Judiciary Marshals Act", with the end in view of ensuring the safety and security of the members of the Judiciary, judicial personnel, and court assets, in order for the Judiciary to function independently and impartially in upholding the rule of law and in preserving the rights and guarantees granted by the Constitution; and RA 11055 or the "National Identification System", meant to provide Filipino citizens and resident aliens a single and unified proof of identity to simplify public and private transactions and deter criminality;

**WHEREAS**, he strongly supported the enactment of the following landmark legislations, to wit: RA 11476, or the "GMRC and Values Education Act", which shall inculcate in the minds of the students the basic tenets of good manners and right conduct, obedience to law, nationalism and other universal values and RA 11469, or the "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act" which provides for Covid-19 response and recovery interventions;

**WHEREAS**, a champion of empowering local government units, he was instrumental in the enactment of RA 11683 which exempts municipalities applying for cityhood from the land and population requirements if it generates Php100 million for two consecutive years;

**WHEREAS**, a known fierce watchdog of the national budget and crusader for the abolition of the pork barrel system, he exposed questionable and needless appropriations in the budget measure, always pushing for the deletion of the pork barrel and other dubious insertions during plenary debates;

**WHEREAS**, unflinching in his fight against corruption and wrongdoings in line with his personal credo "What is right must be kept right; what is wrong must be set right", he was responsible for exposing and calling for investigations of anomalous activities in the government, such as: the anomalous purchased of overpriced Covid-19 pandemic-related medical supplies involving the Department of Health officials and Pharmally Pharmaceutical Corp. executives; the continued operations of jueteng in the country; irregularities in the multibillion-peso Quedancor Swine Program; the chopper scam where second-hand helicopters were sold as brand new to the PNP; a plan by the Social Security System to channel workers' pension funds into a government stimulus program; and the tara list and payola in the Bureau of Customs, among others;

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his 50 years of dedicated, exemplary and unblemished service to the country characterized by his faithful adherence to the virtues of courage, loyalty and integrity, the Philippine Military Academy (PMA), his Alma Mater, has conferred on him the Lifetime Achievement Award;

**WHEREAS**, for his immeasurable contributions to the Chamber's fruitful achievements during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Congresses of the Philippines, he truly deserves the recognition and appreciation of the Senate: *Now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, To commend, as it hereby commends, the Honorable Senator Panfilo M. Lacson for his invaluable contributions to the Senate and the Filipino people during his term as Senator.

***Adopted,***

  
**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**  
*Senator*