

SENATE

P.S. RES. NO. 1017

Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE HONORABLE SENATOR EMMANUEL "MANNY" D. PACQUIAO FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE FILIPINO PEOPLE DURING HIS TERM AS SENATOR

WHEREAS, the Honorable Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao has served as Senator for the 17th and 18th Congresses (2016-2022);

WHEREAS, during his term as Senator, he served as Chairman of the Committees on Public Works; Ethics and Privileges; and Sports;

WHEREAS, true to his commitment to protect and promote the welfare of the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW), he was instrumental in the enactment into law of RA 11227 or the "Handbook for OFWs Act", which requires the government to publish and distribute handbook for OFWs containing their rights and responsibilities as a shield from abuses they may encounter from employers abroad;

WHEREAS, ever mindful of the predicaments of single mothers and war veterans, he strongly supported the passage of RA 11210, otherwise known as the "105-Day Expanded Maternity Leave Law", which extends paid maternity leave from 60 days to 105 days for female workers with an option to extend for an additional 30 days without pay, and granting an additional 15 days for solo mothers and RA 11164, the law which increases the monthly old-age pension of the veterans of World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War from Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) to Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00);

WHEREAS, fully determined to uplift the status and ease the burden of the common people, he assisted in the approval of RA 11201, otherwise known as the "Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development Act", which ensures that poor dwellers in urban and rural areas shall not be evicted nor their dwellings demolished, except in accordance with law and RA 10929, also known as the "Free Internet Access in Public Places Act", which mandates the national government to provide free internet access in public places throughout the country;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Committee on Public Works, he resolutely pushed for the approval of RA 11239, entitled "An Act Abolishing the Road Board and Providing for the Disposition of the Motor Vehicle User's Charge Collection", for the purpose of freeing the government from redundant layer of bureaucracy that would eventually become a source of graft and corruption;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Committee on Sports, he actively participated in the deliberations and proceedings leading to the enactment of laws that authorize the establishment of sport training centers in the national and local levels to help promote and develop sports in the country toward the achievement of excellence in international sports competition, notably RA 11214 or the "Philippine Sports Training Center Act" and RA 11224, entitled "An Act Establishing the Sarangani Sports Training Center in the Municipality of Alabel, Province of Sarangani and Appropriating Funds Therefor";

WHEREAS, recognizing the important role of the Holy Bible in moulding a socially responsible citizenry and in building a strong nation, he worked for the passage of RA 11163 or the "National Bible Day Act", which declares the last Monday of January every year as a working holiday in its observance;

WHEREAS, beyond his legislative functions, he remains active in his advocacy to fight poverty through educational livelihood, health promotion, and socio-civic initiatives by providing fishing boats to fisherfolk through the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, establishing medical facilities, and giving hundreds of scholarships to poor students;

WHEREAS, his invaluable contributions as member of the 17th and 18th Congresses have been highly instrumental to the Chamber's outstanding achievement:
Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To commend, as it hereby commends, the Honorable Senator Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao for his invaluable contributions to the Senate and the Filipino people during his term as Senator.

Adopted,


JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
Senator