

**SENATE**

**P. S. RES. NO. 1021**

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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

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**RESOLUTION**

**COMMENDING THE SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, THE HONORABLE RALPH G. RECTO, FOR HIS EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AND INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Ralph G. Recto, a man of wisdom and an excellent legislator, has dutifully and conscientiously performed his duties and responsibilities as Senate President Pro Tempore;

**WHEREAS**, as Senate President Pro Tempore of the 17th and 18<sup>th</sup> Congresses, he had efficiently and effectively assisted the Senate President in presiding over the deliberations of important issues at hand in this august Hall, always ready and willing to share his expertise and proficiency in parliamentary proceedings;

**WHEREAS**, he wittingly handled heated arguments and discussions during plenary proceedings, willingly and patiently listening to contradictory views without losing his composure, thus earning for him the respect and admiration of his Colleagues in both the Majority and the Minority groups;

**WHEREAS**, a competent and independent thinker, he bravely tackled and defended unpopular legislative measures without fear of antagonizing public opinions especially when the national interest is at stake;

**WHEREAS**, an economic and financial expert, he actively participated in the enactment of the following landmark measures, namely: RA 11590 which taxes the Philippine Offshore Gaming Operations (POGOS); RA 11534, otherwise known as the "Corporate Recovery And Tax Incentives For Enterprises Act (CREATE)"; RA 11469, or the "Bayanihan To Heal As One Act", which grants power to the Chief Executive to allow for greater flexibility in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic scare; RA 11494 or the "Bayanihan To Recover As One Act" which focuses on primary care and the improvement of the health system and its attendant benefits; and RA 11525 or the "COVID-19 Vaccination Program Act of 2021" which expedites vaccine procurement and administration process; RA 11524 which is also known as the "Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act"; RA 11523 or the "Financial Institutions Strategic Transfer (FIST) Act"; RA 11520 which extends the availability of the 2020 General Appropriations Act to December 31, 2021; and RA 11519 which extends the availability of appropriations under the "Bayanihan to Recover as One Act";

**WHEREAS**, despite his busy schedule as Senate President Pro Tempore, he keeps up on his dedication and commitment to serve and uplift the people by taking part in the passage of the following vital pieces of legislation, namely: RA 11589 or the "Bureau of Fire Protection Modernization Act"; RA 11573 which improves the confirmation of process of imperfect land titles; RA 11517 which authorizes the President to expedite the processing and issuance of national and local permits, license and certification in times of national emergency; RA 11510 which is also known as the "Alternative Learning System Act"; RA 11509 or the "*Doktor Para sa Bayan Act*"; RA 11502 which declares the month of October of every year as the "National Cooperative Month"; and RA 11476 or the "GMRC and Values Education Act", among others;

**WHEREAS**, for being a true and dedicated public servant with a deep sense of equity and fairness, who always put the people's needs and concern first and foremost, he has greatly contributed to the productive performance of the Senate and truly deserves recognition and appreciation: *Now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, To commend, as it hereby commends, the Senate President Pro Tempore, the Honorable Ralph G. Recto, for his excellent performance and invaluable contributions to the success of the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines.

***Adopted,***

  
**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**  
Senator