

**SENATE**

**P. S. RES. NO. 1022**

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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE SINCERE APPRECIATION AND PROFOUND GRATITUDE OF THE SENATE TO ITS PRESIDENT, THE HONORABLE VICENTE C. SOTTO III, FOR HIS EXEMPLARY AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, with vast experience under his name as a Senator, Assistant Majority Leader, Majority Leader, and Deputy Minority Leader, the Honorable Vicente C. Sotto III was elected Senate President by his Colleagues at the opening of the Eighteenth Congress in July 2019, thereby bestowing upon him their faith in his capabilities as a leader;

**WHEREAS**, a diligent and dedicated public servant best described by his fellow senators as "always present, always on time, always prepared" during every session, he was physically present in the plenary hall to preside over every hybrid session until its adjournment, amid the risk and danger posed by the Covid-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, under his watch and guidance, the Senate continued to efficiently and effectively function and operate especially during the deliberations of the most urgent and important legislative measures, particularly those addressing the harmful consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, namely: RA 11469 or the "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act"; RA 11494 or the "Bayanihan To Recover As One Act"; RA 11519 which extends the availability of appropriations under RA 11494; and RA 11525 which establishes the Covid-19 Vaccination Program;

**WHEREAS**, under his able leadership, the members of the Senate collectively responded to his call by enacting into laws legislative measures which are vital to the country's pressing needs, as follows: RA 11509 or the "*Doktor Para Sa Bayan Act*"; RA 11523 or the "Financial Institutions Strategic Transfer (FIST) Act"; RA 11595 which amends the "Retail Trade Liberalization Act"; RA 11647, which amends the "Foreign Investments Act"; RA 11659, which amends the "Public Service Act"; RA 11576 which further expands the jurisdiction of first level courts; RA 11593 which increases the penalties for perjury; RA 11643, which grants benefits to the surviving legitimate spouse and dependent children of a deceased retired member of the National Prosecution Service; RA 11549 which lowers the height requirement for PNP, BFP, BJMP, and Bucor applicants; RA 11476 which is otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Values Education Act"; RA 11480, which adjusts the school calendar amid the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic; RA 11517, which authorizes the President to expedite the processing and issuance of national and local permits, licenses and certification in times of national emergency; RA 11479 which is also known as the "Anti-terrorism Act of 2020"; RA 11502 which declares the national cooperative month; and RA 11596 which prohibits the practice of child marriage;

**WHEREAS**, under his tutelage, the Senate likewise approved RA 11639 or the "General Appropriations Act of 2022", which focuses on eradicating the COVID-19 pandemic and its negative effects to the economy; RA 11518 or the "General Appropriations Act of 2021"; and RA 11640 which extends the availability of the 2021 national budget until December 21, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, grateful and appreciative of the migrant workers' unquantifiable contributions to the national economy, he was instrumental in the smooth passage of RA 11641, or the "Department of Migrant Workers", which focuses on the needs of the overseas Filipino Workers;

**WHEREAS**, a fervent and passionate advocate of transparency in government transactions, he fearlessly initiated the investigation conducted by the Blue Ribbon Committee on the alleged multibillion peso anomalies in the procurement of Covid-19 pandemic supplies against some executive officials in the Department of Health (DOH) and the Procurement Service of the Department of Budget and high officers of the Pharmally Pharmaceutical Corp.;

**WHEREAS**, for putting premium and dedication to his position and as a reflection of his leadership skills, he once again received a "Very Good" net satisfaction rating from the Social Weather Stations' 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Survey for 2021 equivalent to 65% satisfaction rating and 71% approval and performance rating in the 2021 Pulse Asia Nationwide survey on his performance as Senate President, thus garnering second place among the country's top five public officials;

**WHEREAS**, under his inspired stewardship, the Senate has kept and maintained its independence and integrity, making the Upper Chamber of Congress truly worthy of the respect and appreciation of the Filipino people: *Now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, To express, as it hereby expresses, its sincere appreciation and profound gratitude to its President, the Honorable Vicente C. Sotto III, for his exemplary and outstanding performance during the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines.

***Adopted,***

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