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P. S. Resolution No. 1070

Introduced by Senators JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI, MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY, JOSEPH VICTOR "JV" EJERCITO, SHERWIN T. GATCHALIAN, LOREN B. LEGARDA, JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO
SENATOR JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" ANGARA FOR HIS EXEMPLARY
SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTION AND TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE AS A
SENATOR OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara, a member of the 19th Congress of the Philippines, has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Education, formally stepping down from the Senate and assuming his executive post on 19 July 2024;

WHEREAS, he has upheld the highest standards of public service over his two-decade legislative career, spanning three terms as Representative of the Lone District of Aurora from 2004 to 2013 and two terms as a Senator from 2013 to 2024, during which time he authored or sponsored over 340 laws, with a particular focus on education, youth empowerment, healthcare, labor, finance, local government, and good governance;

WHEREAS, he holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics (International Relations) from the London School of Economics and Political Science, a Bachelor of Laws from the University of the Philippines College of Law, and a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School—the only senator of the 19th Congress to do so;

WHEREAS, Senator Angara chaired a number of key committees in the Senate, most notably the Committee on Finance that he led in the 18th and 19th Congresses, where he diligently and ably steered the passage of the most important piece of legislation in the country, the annual General Appropriations Act, which he had to ensure would be responsive to the needs of the Filipino people in the midst and in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, as Finance Chairperson, he also spearheaded the passage of landmark measures such as the Salary Standardization Law V, which raises the salaries

of civil servants; the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act, which outlines the country's post-pandemic recovery initiatives; the Tatak Pinoy Act, which brings the public and private sectors together to empower local industries to become competitive producers of Filipino goods and services; and the New Government Procurement Act, which paves the way for the more efficient and transparent use of public funds;

WHEREAS, Senator Angara also headed the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, where he successfully pushed for much-needed but also much-debated tax reforms, in aim of establishing more effective taxation that will redound to the development of the country;

WHEREAS, influenced by the work of his parents—former Senate President and University of the Philippines President Edgardo Angara and former teacher and Chairperson of the Cultural Center of the Philippines Gloria Manalang-Angara—Senator Angara has tirelessly advocated for access to quality education throughout his tenure in both chambers of Congress, through such laws as the Universal Access to Quality Education Act, the Inclusive Education Act, the Alternative Learning System Act, the Unified Student Financial Assistance System Act, the Student Fare Discount Act, the Ladderized Education Act, the Anti-Bullying Act, the Enhanced Basic Education Act, and the Universal Kindergarten Act;

WHEREAS, a passionate champion of youth empowerment, he chaired the Senate Committee on Youth, under which he pushed for the passage of the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act, to enjoin more Filipino youth toward the path of civic engagement and public service;

WHEREAS, Senator Angara authored the law establishing the Second Congressional Commission on Education, for which he was appointed Commissioner, a role that saw him actively engaged in assessing and forming solutions to the challenges besetting the country's education sector, in aim of empowering Filipino students to reach global standards for reading, mathematics, and science literacy;

WHEREAS, beyond his legislative mandate, Senator Angara also fulfilled diplomatic duties in the Senate, particularly as President of the Philippines-Spain Friendship Association, ensuring that Philippine-Spanish relations are strengthened through such initiatives as the annual commemoration of the Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day on the anniversary of the Siege of Baler;

WHEREAS, he made Senate history by being part of the Senate Sentinels basketball team that clinched the inaugural championship victory at the UNTV Cup Executive Face-off in 2023, even emerging as a Mythical 5 player of the entire cup;

WHEREAS, Senator Angara brought extraordinary industry and prolificacy to the Senate, with his contributions having a significant impact on the overall performance of the entire institution, and for this he deserves the sincere appreciation and commendation of this august Chamber: *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, that the Senate expresses its sincere appreciation to Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara for his exemplary service to the institution and to the Filipino people as a Senator of the Philippines.

Adopted.




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