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**SENATE**

**P. S. Res. No. 1142**

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Introduced by Senators Loren B. Legarda, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay,  
Joseph Victor "JV" Ejercito, Sherwin T. Gatchalian, Joel Villanueva,  
and Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri

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**RESOLUTION**

**COMMENDING AND HONORING FORMER HOUSE SPEAKER JOSE DE  
VENECIA JR. FOR HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER AND INVALUABLE  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTRY**

1 WHEREAS, the Honorable Jose Claveria de Venecia Jr., who hailed from  
2 Dagupan City, has served as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic  
3 of the Philippines for five terms from 1992 to 1998 and 2001 to 2008, which is  
4 unprecedented in postwar Philippine Congress;

5 WHEREAS, also known as JDV, the former House Speaker was the architect of  
6 the "Rainbow Coalition" in the House of Representatives, which helped unite the  
7 country during the turbulent post-Martial Law years and paved the way for the smooth  
8 passage of more than 200 economic, political, and social reform laws during the  
9 Ramos administration;

10 WHEREAS, he co-founded the Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats (Lakas-CMD),  
11 which became the ruling party for some 15 years, and served alternately as its  
12 Secretary General, President, Chairman, and Chairman Emeritus;

13 WHEREAS, as a prolific lawmaker, he championed landmark legislation such as  
14 the B-O-T (Build-Operate-Transfer) Law, the Military Bases Conversion Law, and the  
15 law creating the Central Bank of the Philippines;

1           WHEREAS, he began his career as a journalist, becoming Manila Bureau chief  
2 and Philippine correspondent for Pan-Asia Newspaper Alliance. He also co-founded the  
3 Radio Philippines Network in the 1960s;

4           WHEREAS, he also took on diplomatic duties as Minister and Economic and  
5 Press Counselor of the Philippine Embassy in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City), Vietnam  
6 during the Vietnam War, and briefly as Ambassador-at-Large under President Corazon  
7 Aquino's administration;

8           WHEREAS, in 1967, he conceived the Dollar Remittance Program for Filipino  
9 overseas workers, which now raises more than \$30 billion a year for the Philippines;

10          WHEREAS, the tireless peacemaker mediated with Muslim secessionists, rightist  
11 military officers, and Communist insurgents, leading to peace agreements and  
12 amnesty programs. He also initiated the Interfaith Dialogue in the United Nations as  
13 a way of helping resolve politico-religious conflicts around the world;

14          WHEREAS, JDV likewise played a significant role in combating climate change  
15 and environmental degradation when he served as Co-Chairman of the International  
16 Ecological Safety Collaborative Organization (IESCO);

17          WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous decorations and honors,  
18 including the French Legion of Honor, high decorations from several foreign  
19 governments, and honorary doctorates from universities at home and abroad;

20          WHEREAS, he has addressed the U.N. General Assembly, the U.N. Security  
21 Council, the Council of Europe, and various national parliaments around the world;

22          WHEREAS, he has been a relentless advocate for Asian integration, proposing  
23 initiatives such as an Asian Parliament, an Asian Monetary Fund, and an Asian Anti-  
24 Poverty Fund;

25          WHEREAS, he has founded and chaired several international organizations,  
26 including the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) which is  
27 composed of 350 political parties in 52 countries in Asia; the International Association  
28 of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) representing members of parliament from various  
29 continents; the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) which is now composed of 43  
30 parliaments in Asia; the Centrist Asia Pacific Democrats International (CAPDI); and  
31 the Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council (APRC), which assists governments and  
32 organizations in peace-building and conflict resolution in Asia and other areas;

1 WHEREAS, the Honorable JDV dedicated his life to public service, peace-  
2 building, and promotion of international cooperation, inspiring leaders and future  
3 generations to pursue excellence in governance and diplomacy: Now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To commend and honor  
5 Former House Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. for his illustrious career and invaluable  
6 contributions to the country.

Adopted,



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**JOSEPH VICTOR "JV" G. EJERCITO**



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