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Introduced by **Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid**

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HIS EMINENCE PABLO VIRGILIO
"AMBO" DAVID FOR HIS ELEVATION AS THE 10TH FILIPINO CARDINAL BY
HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, RECOGNIZING HIS DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND HIS WORK FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED,
AND HONORING HIM AS A TRUE SON OF PAMPANGA PROVINCE

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2024, His Eminence Pablo Virgilio "Ambo" David was officially elevated as a Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church by His Holiness Pope Francis during the consistory held at the Vatican, making him the 10th Filipino to be conferred this honor;

WHEREAS, the ceremony took place during a consistory at the Vatican, where Cardinal David joined 20 other new cardinals from all over the world, including Algiers, Tehran, Tokyo, and Abidjan;

WHEREAS, Cardinal David was born in Betis, Guagua, Pampanga. He is the 10th of the 13 children of Pedro David and Bienvenida Siongco. One of his siblings is the sociologist and public intellectual Randy David;

WHEREAS, Cardinal David is a proud son of the Province of Pampanga, where he was ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of San Fernando in 1983, later serving as Auxiliary Bishop of San Fernando before becoming Bishop of Caloocan in 2015;

WHEREAS, he has been a strong advocate for the poor and marginalized, particularly through the establishment of the Urban Poor Ministry and community-

based drug rehabilitation programs within his diocese, and has also served as a vocal critic of human rights violations during the country's war on drugs;

WHEREAS, Cardinal David has earned recognition for his leadership as President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), where he has championed initiatives to address poverty and promote inclusivity within the Church, and his election as Vice President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences reflects his significant contributions to the broader Catholic community;

WHEREAS, his elevation to the rank of Cardinal is a testament to his unwavering commitment to faith, service, and justice, as well as a reflection of the Philippines' growing role in the global Catholic Church;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulate and commend His Eminence Pablo Virgilio David for his elevation as the 10th Filipino Cardinal, honor his lifelong dedication to the Church and its mission to serve the underprivileged, and express profound pride in his accomplishments as a distinguished son of Pampanga.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator 