

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Third Regular Session)

117 JUL 25 2006

SENATE

P.S. RES. NO. 823

Introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO SENATOR FRANKLIN M. DRILON FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE COUNTRY DURING HIS TERM AS SENATE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, Senator Franklin M. Drilon held the highest Senate position from July 12, 2000 to November 13, 2000 and from July 23, 2001 until July 24, 2006, earning him the distinction of being Senate President for the longest period in the post-martial law Congress;

WHEREAS, it was during his Senate presidency that this Chamber clashed with—and won—over a well-orchestrated, well-funded campaign to abolish the Senate through Charter Change;

WHEREAS, it was also during his term that the Supreme Court sustained the stand of the Senate over the unconstitutionality of Executive Order 464 which sought to undermine the investigative and oversight functions of Congress, the Senate in particular;

WHEREAS, in 2005, Senator Drilon led the Senate in hosting the 112th General Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), a first for the country, bringing the Philippine Senate into the limelight of the prestigious organization of world parliaments;

WHEREAS, for upholding the authority of the Senate to investigate Executive excesses and incompetence, and for protecting the independence of the Senate from authoritarian machinations, Senator Drilon proved himself as a true statesman and staunch defender of the Constitution who deserves the trust and respect of a grateful nation; *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To express, as it hereby expresses, its gratitude and appreciation to Senator Franklin M. Drilon for his invaluable contributions to the Senate and the country during his term as Senate President.

Adopted.