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Introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III

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RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO SENATOR JUAN PONCE ENRILE FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE COUNTRY AS CURRENT SENATE PRESIDENT**

**WHEREAS**, elected as Senate President on November 2008 during the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress, and reelected again to lead the Chamber at the start of the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress, Senator Juan Ponce Enrile continues to exercise his duties and carry out his responsibilities with utmost dedication, fairness and resolute leadership;

**WHEREAS**, under his watch, the Senate was able to promptly act on vital legislation needed by the country despite Congress having to convene in two historic Joint Sessions: first, on December 2009, in the matter of the Presidential Proclamation declaring a state of martial law and suspending the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in the province of Maguindanao; and, second, on May 2010, to act as the National Board of Canvassers to canvass the votes for president and vice president after the first-ever automated national and local elections;

**WHEREAS**, under his stewardship, the Senate became a symbol of hope and assurance for a nation fearful of the effect of the global economic recession that began in late 2008, and the sufferings wrought by typhoons and other calamities in September 2009;

**WHEREAS**, a public servant with almost five decades of service in government, the Senate President marshaled the passage into law of the joint resolution authorizing the President of the country to increase the salaries of national and local government employees and the base pay of the military and other uniformed personnel;

**WHEREAS**, he deftly presided over the conduct of the historic impeachment trial of the Chief Justice of the Philippines with proper decorum, diligence and wisdom;

**WHEREAS**, for his exemplary conduct, full regard for individual differences, ability to bring out the best in each member of the Senate to formulate laws that will redound to the national interest, and for his readiness to assume full responsibility for the collective decisions of the Senate, *Now, therefore, be it,*

**RESOLVE BY THE SENATE**, To express, as it hereby expresses, its gratitude and appreciation to Senator Juan Ponce Enrile for his valuable contributions to the Senate and the country as current Senate President.

*Adopted,*

