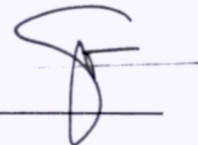


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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE SINCERE AND PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO ITS ESTEEMED PRESIDENT, THE HONORABLE VICENTE C. SOTTO III, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Vicente C. Sotto III, who has served as a senator for more than two decades under nine Senate Presidents, was elected as the 29<sup>th</sup> Senate President on May 21, 2018 by an overwhelming majority vote;

**WHEREAS**, a very dedicated public servant, who holds the distinction of being “always present, always on time, always prepared”, during every session, he performed his duties as Senate President, with utmost dedication and exemplary leadership during the Third Regular Session of the Seventeenth Congress;

**WHEREAS**, expressing his deep concern over the welfare of the children who have a special place in his heart, he was instrumental in the enactment of Republic Act No. 11188 or the “Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict Act,” which provides protection to children from all forms of abuse, violence, neglect, cruelty, discrimination and other conditions prejudicial to their development;

**WHEREAS**, under his able guidance and leadership, the Senate passed a record number of bills and resolutions, many of which were vital to the country’s economic development and basic social and health needs, namely: Republic Act No. 11203 or the “Rice Tariffication Law”, Republic Act No. 11032 or the “Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018”, Republic Act No. 11223 of the “Universal Health Care Law”, Republic Act No. 11210 or the “Expanded Maternity Leave Law”, Republic Act No. 11215 or the “National Integrated Cancer Control Act”, Republic Act No. 11228 or the “Automatic PhilHealth Coverage for all Persons with Disability Act”, RA 11199 of the “Social Security Act of 2018”, Republic Act No. 11059, the Retirement Law of the Office of the Ombudsman, and Republic Act No. 11164 which Increases the Monthly Old-Age Pension of War Veterans;

**WHEREAS,** a strong advocate and supporter in attaining peace and development in the country, he likewise pushed for the approval of Republic Act No. 11054 or the “Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL)”, which aims to establish a political entity, provide its basic structure of government in recognition of the justness and legitimacy of the cause of the Bangsamoro people and the aspirations of Muslim Filipino and all indigenous cultural communities in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;

**WHEREAS,** a truly religious and family man, he shepherded his colleagues in declaring every first Thursday of February as the “Synchronized Interfaith National Prayers for Peace and Reconciliation” to unite Filipinos of various creeds and denomination to pray for peace in the country;

**WHEREAS,** for his exemplary performance as Senate President, he obtained a “Very Good” performance and trust rating of 74% and 66%, respectively, in Pulse Asia’s December 2018 Nationwide Survey on the Performance and Trust Ratings of Key/Top Government Officials and Institutions, and a net satisfaction rating of 61% in the Social Weather Stations 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Social Weather Survey covering the period January to March 2019;

**WHEREAS,** under his inspired guidance, the Senate has maintained its integrity and independence and has efficiently and effectively accomplished its legislative tasks with dignity by prioritizing and working on legislative bills and resolutions that benefit the people and the nation as a whole, thereby making the Upper Chamber a truly responsive body and the most appreciated institution in the country: *Now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE,** To express, as it hereby expresses, its sincere and profound appreciation to its President, the Honorable Senator Vicente C. Sotto III, for his outstanding performance during the Third Regular Session of the Seventeenth Congress of the Philippines.

**Adopted,**

  
**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**  
Senator