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RESOLUTION NO. 8

RESOLUTION COMMENDING SENATOR JOVITO SALONGA FOR EXEMPLIFYING THE TRUE SPIRIT OF GOOD GOVERNANCE, AND FOR BEING BESTOWED WITH THE 2007 RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Ramon Magsaysay Award is bestowed upon individuals and organizations working in Asia who manifest greatness of spirit in service to the peoples of Asia and who prove to be exemplars of selfless leadership, whose lives and work make Asia truly a better place;

WHEREAS, the Ramon Magsaysay Award is considered as Asia's highest honor;

WHEREAS, two hundred forty (240) individuals and sixteen (16) organizations have been named Magsaysay awardees since 1958. Among them are some of Asia's great humanitarians, community leaders, intellectuals, and artists;

WHEREAS, Senator Jovito Salonga has recently been awarded the Magsaysay Award for Government Service for the exemplary integrity and substance of his long public career in service to democracy and good government in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, he was at the forefront of struggle for democracy during and after Ferdinand Marcos' dictatorship, tirelessly fighting for the rule of law, honesty and competence in government and showing compassion for the poor;

WHEREAS, he was elected Senator for three (3) terms, garnering the most number of votes for senator each time, and served as the first Senate President of the post-Marcos Senate, serving from 1987 to 1991;

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in having key good governance measures passed including the Disclosure of Interest Act, the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees and the Act Defining and Penalizing the Crime of Plunder, among other laws to protect public interest;

WHEREAS, he also led the Senate in voting against the retention of the US military bases, the remaining vestiges of American imperialism in the country, and, consequently, freeing the said areas as key economic zones for national development;

WHEREAS, he served as the first chairman of the Presidential Commission on Good Government and spearheaded efforts to retrieve the ill-gotten wealth of the late strongman, Ferdinand Marcos, and his cronies;

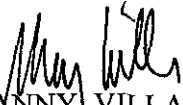
WHEREAS, even after having retired from politics, he continues to sustain his principled interventions in the affairs

of the nation through nongovernment organizations Kilosbayan and Bantay Katarungan;

WHEREAS, "Ka Jovy" indeed exemplifies the true spirit of good governance with a sincere concern for the people, which all leaders must inculcate in their being: Now, therefore, be it


Resolved by the Senate, To commend, as it hereby commends, Senator Jovito Salonga for being awarded the 2007 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service due to his invaluable and dedicated service to the nation, and due to his demonstration of the true spirit of good governance and statesmanship.

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 1, 2007.



EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate

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